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Presidential ear

West Sacramento's mayor and its county supervisor received a late invitation to attend President Bush's visit to the California Fuel Cell Partnership in West Sacramento on April 22 – and they stole a few moments with the president to lobby for federal help in fixing the area's levees.

"We got an invitation the day before the event," said Mayor Christopher Cabaldon. "Mike (McGowan) and I were both present to welcome the president to our city, and we took the opportunity afterwards, while shaking hands, to talk to him about the dire need for federal money for the levee system in the West Sacramento area."

Supervisor McGowan "turned on the down-home charm," said Cabaldon, and took the lead in lobbying the man at the top. The pair held the president's interest for "about a minute and a half," he reported.

The president at first responded that the federal government was helping the Sacramento region, said Cabaldon. But he appeared to take note when the pair told him that more was needed.

Honored –

From Soroptimist International

The community is invited to participate as local winners of cash awards are honored, along with two "Making a Difference for Women "awards" for outstanding service to the community.

The Women's Opportunity Award will honor Ornsee Khamsa, West Sacramento mother of four year old quadruplets and an older son, as she strives to gain the education she needs to support her family.

"The Violet Richardson Award", for a 14 to 17 year old girl who makes the world a better place through her volunteer efforts, will go to Susan Matlock for her many hours of service to West Sacramento Historical Society.

Alma Soost and Erleen Culver will be honored with "Making a Difference for Women" awards for their many years of service to the community.

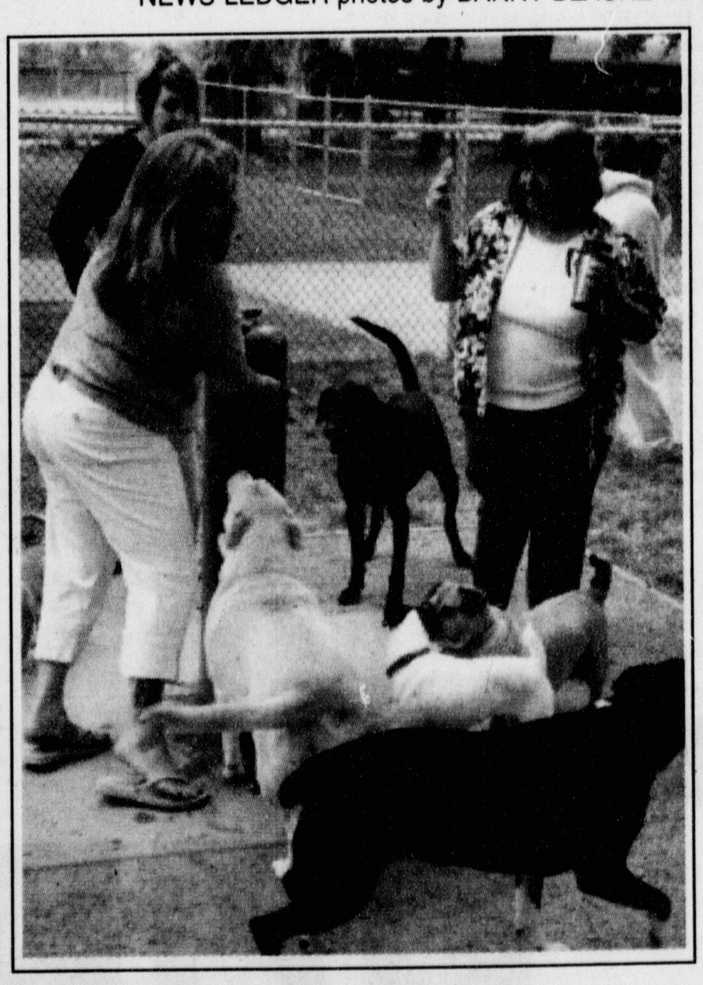
Winners of Soroptimist Academic and Music Scholarships will also be announced .The celebration at VFW Post #8762,at 905 Drever St., in West Sacramento will begin with a fellowship hour at 5:30PM. No-host cocktails will be available. Dinner will be served at 6:30. The cost is $15.00 for adults and $10.00 for children under 15. Tickets purchased at the door will be $17.00 for adults, and $12.00 for children. Please make reservations before May 16, to Soroptimist International of West Sacramento Awards Banquet, and send to P.O. Box 94, West Sacramento, CA 95691. or Jeri Wingfield 371-7678.

Celebrating trees -- and dogs

By Steve Marschke



ABOVE: Volunteers took turns digging in to plant a pair of valley oaks at the Stone Boulevard park.
BELOW (both pictures): dogs and their owners enjoy their new facility
NEWS-LEDGER photos by BARRY BLACKLAW



"It's the first dog park in West Sacramento, and it was also our first Arbor Day celebration," said Dena Kirtley, arborist for the City of West Sacramento. "In order for us to become a 'Tree City USA,' we need to hold an Arbor Day celebration and have a budget of two dollars per capita to spend on trees."

The opening of the new "dog park" at Sam Combs Park on Stone west of Jefferson, coincided Saturday with that Arbor Day celebration. Dogs and their owners checked out the new city park space set aside for them, and volunteers helped plant some trees.

"We planted two ceremonial valley oak trees," said Kirtley. "A Druid, Michael Gorman, who is from a religion that worships trees, blessed them."

Meanwhile, dog owners and their pets checked out the dog run areas.

"An extensive area was fenced off, with a section for smaller dogs and a section for larger dogs," Kirtley reported. "Each section has a water fountain that's very low so dogs can drink out of them."

And what is the procedure for – um – doggie sanitation?

"There's an area where you come in where you can get special little packets to pick up poop."

The park itself has been open about a month.

On hand to help set up welcome tables were members of the "Friends of the Dog Park," including Kathy Mehler of the Bridgeway Island area in Southport.

Mehler said her group was formed from people who visited a city workshop when the new dog park was being planned. About 20 people attended that workshop, and "about four or five" showed up to help with the grand opening Saturday.

"Some of them are from the Southport and Bridgeway Island areas, and some are from the center part of West Sacramento, near the park," reported Mehler. "I have a Shar-Pei/lab mix, and she was there, and had a great time, too. She got to smell everybody and run around for a while."

Mehler estimated that about 100 people and around 30 dogs used the park at different parts of the day on Saturday. But everyone of both species appeared to get along fine.

"There was one point at which the park was full of dogs, and they were all getting rowdy, running around having a good time. But every dog there also had an owner, so there was good control, and there were no problems.

"It's a great place to go."

Debating growth

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Irene Eklund of "Save Our City" reports that the group is "doing great" at collecting signatures to get a growth-limiting measure onto West Sacramento's November ballot. But the measure, if it does make the ballot, could become a center of controversy and of a campaign war.

"We're doing great" at collecting signatures, Eklund told the News-Ledger. "I'm not going to give out numbers, but we're not stopping at the required 1,758. We're stopping when our time is up. Our goal is 3,000."

The proposed measure is tagged by its authors as the "Sustainable Growth Initiative," and would require the city to stick to the growth blueprint of the Southport Framework Plan (governing development south of the barge canal) unless an exception is permitted by a public vote. Eklund said that would cap the number of homes at 16,109, unless voters say otherwise. If the measure does make it to the polls in November, Eklund is fully expecting her group's campaign to be thoroughly outspent by a developer-backed opposition.

One local developer explained to the News-Ledger his opposition. David Stroud is the developer of the Bridgeway Island and Bridgeway Lakes subdivision, and is behind the proposed Yarbrough subdivision.

"I think (the initiative) is a reaction to the city receiving a lot of applications for development in the Southport area," Stroud commented. "I don't believe the city ultimately will make the decision to embrace all those applications, but that's just my opinion."

"I don't see any good from (the measure)," he added. "There are a lot of people in town that I see who are very proud of the direction the city has taken. My own project, Yarbrough, would have an 18-hole golf course, a lake, parks and a town center – all of which seem to be embraced very positively by the community. But this initiative would prevent that from being built."

Eklund counters: "No it wouldn't – it would prevent him from building it without the people's decision that that's what they want to do, to rezone the land."

Mayor Christopher Cabaldon told the News-Ledger he opposes the initiative. He argues that the current "competition" for a limited number of developers' proposals above and beyond what the framework plan envisioned is good for the city.

"Right now, developers are putting forward their most attractive plans for the city to judge," said Cabaldon. "This initiative pulls the rug out from that process. For those projects the initiative's proponents determine get to have their developments, the stuff within the envelope proposed by the initiative essentially gets a free pass, and the other projects disappear."

The competition could result in developers' help paying for the planned new high school, and for other amenities, he added. And besides – the Southport Framework Plan needs to be updated to take into account the higher-than-expected cost of providing roads and other infrastructure to serve its own planned growth. Cabaldon argues that the south area has somewhat more "capacity" for homes than was believed in the early '90s, and some of that additional growth is also necessary to pay for infrastructure.

"There is not enough capacity to support all the developers' proposals. There is more capacity than when the plan was envisioned. The initiative takes that off the table. It would be an unmitigated disaster – there are a lot of what must be unintended consequences in the initiative. Whatever you think about this record growth spurt, digging a hole and sticking your head in the sand would not be a good plan for West Sacramento."

Allowing developments to "compete" for some additional construction is good, he said.

"Developers can voluntarily agree to do more, whether that means additional parks, theaters or other amenities, or another bridge across the Sacramento River or more habitat space. But they only volunteer when they have to, and right now, they have to."

Eklund disputes that account, saying that more growth simply equals more congestion.

"(City studies) have already clearly said that if you build beyond the Southport Framework Plan, you're going to have (congestion) on Jefferson Boulevard. If you cut back on the homes, you don't need as much infrastructure," she commented.

Serve on grand jury

From the County of Yolo

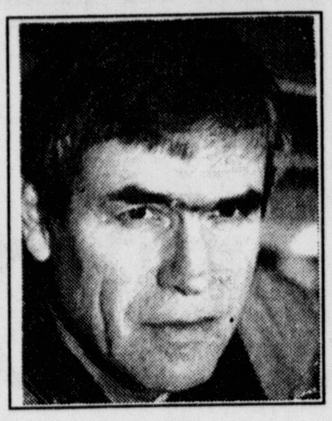
Applications are now being accepted for Yolo County grand jury service. Each July 1, the Yolo Superior Court impanels 19 grand jurors who serve as an arm of the judicial system, but act as an entirely independent body.

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The topic of homosexuality sure fires people up

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

Last week the *News-Ledger* received a couple of lengthy letters to the editor about our mayor's recent decision to begin living his life as an openly gay man. One of the letters was particularly harsh, personal, and void of any of the Christian values I was raised to admire, but I guess that was more or less to be expected, considering the source of the letter.

I am always surprised, though, at how easily some folks can get themselves so worked up over the subject of homosexuality. As I wrote in a column a couple of months ago, there's even a Baptist minister back in Kansas who loads up his followers every chance he gets and shows up at the funerals of dead American soldiers, yelling and screaming that our young men and women are dying in the Iraq war because our nation tolerates homosexuality.

I mean, just what is so darn frightening about gays anyway? It's not like there are gay gangs roaming around our cities selling drugs and participating in drive-by shootings. In fact, every gay person I know is hard-working, constructively involved in his or her community, and paying a lot more taxes than I am. And even if we were to let every gay couple in the country get married tomorrow, they couldn't possibly begin to do the kind of damage that divorce-happy, wife-beating, child-abusing heterosexuals have been doing to the institution of marriage for decades now. And when religious leaders go on and on about how being gay is an abomination, I always want to ask them why they don't seem to have the same kind of passion/concern for real abominations, like the war in Iraq, or the starvation and genocide going on in Africa, or the fact that there are over 40 million Americans (most of them kids) without any kind of health insurance. Oh, and I think I'm going to scream the next time a man of the cloth proclaims that homosexuality is learned behavior because all of the science points in exactly the opposite direction, beginning of course with the obvious fact that 99.9 percent of all homosexuals alive today spent all their formative years being raised by a heterosexual family.

To tell you the truth, what two consenting adults do behind closed doors ranks about #377 on my list of things to worry about, and looking back on it, I guess my views on homosexuality were more or less formed way back in 1969, in a faraway place called Vung Tao, Vietnam, while laying around in a hospital bed recovering from shrapnel wounds. While there, I had a little talk with another patient, an Army cook in his late 30's or early 40's who was having stomach problems of some sort, and as I have mentioned before in this column, our conversation went something like this:

"It's about time you joined the living," boomed an unfamiliar voice. I looked over through squinting eyes at the bunk next to mine and there was a balding, extremely overweight GI I had never seen before. "You missed your morning chow," he added.

After rubbing the sleep from my eyes, I glanced back over to get a better look at my new neighbor. He was busy wolfing down his breakfast like there would never be a tomorrow. "Man, this is the life, ain't it? he asked. Then, after he had devoured the last of his powdered eggs, he added, "Where's my manners? My name is Jake. What's yours?"

"Daryl," I answered as he thrust out a meaty hand for me to shake.

"Where you from, Jerald?" he asked as he grabbed my hand and shook it as hard as he could.

"California," I said as I struggled to release my hand from his vice-like grip.

"You're puttin' me on," he said, obviously elated. "Which part?"

"West Sacramento."

"Well, I'll be damned. Ain't that something? I was born just down the road from Sacramento -- in Frisco. We're neighbors!"

"Is that so?"

"You ever been to the City?"

"Yeah, lots of times."

"What'd you think of it?"

"It's beautiful."

"Personally, Jerald," explained Jake, "I hated the damn place, and you'd probably hate it, too, if you actually had to live there. I finally said the hell with it all and moved the whole fam-damily down to L.A. mostly cause I was determined to get away from all the hippies and homos." He paused for a moment to gulp down a glass of orange juice. "Yes-sir-re, them damn homos were the final straw. I'm GI from head to toe and I can't stand homos. And talkin' about perverts, my sister, Joyce, is really into this religious thing, and she says God is getting all the homos to go live in Frisco for a reason. Know what it is?" I shook my head no. "Well," continued Jake, "according to Joyce, once God gets all the homos good and settled in, there's going to be one hell of an earthquake -- one about twice the size of the big one back in 1906 -- and as the whole damn city falls into the bay, all the homos are going to be washed out to sea and drowned." He looked over at me for a response and when one didn't come he quickly added, "And Joyce really knows what she's talkin' about -- she's a very religious person."

For almost a week, Jake harangued me with his intolerance for every minority group imaginable, but he always saved his most venomous words for gays -- especially gays in the military.

"Every time I find one," he told me, "I beat the hell of him. I don't want one of them in the military -- not one. The military is for Americans, not perverts!"

It didn't take me long to come to the conclusion that the Army didn't need to get rid of gays -- it just needed to get rid of Jake.

Oh, and no need for anyone to send me a Bible -- I still have the one my Granny gave me that I carried all the way through Vietnam in a leg pocket of my jungle fatigues. Plus if I ever do lose it, I'm sure I can talk Mayor Cabaldon into loaning me one of the ones he's received recently in the mail from those claiming to love him.

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Obituaries

Mark Kent Chapo

Mark Chapo passed away at his Granite Bay home on April 14, 2006 at the age of 50. He was the son of Deon Chapo and the late Art Chapo, longtime West Sacramento residents. He is survived by his loving family: mother Deon Chapo, daughter Carrie (Chris) Fuselier, daughter Cristin Chapo, twin sons Curtis and Craig Chapo, and longtime companion Terri Hobbs. He was preceded in death by his father and brother, Craig Chapo.

Mark was a graduate of James Marshall High School and California State University, Sacramento where he earned a degree in criminal justice. After graduation he began his career as a deputy sheriff with Yolo County. He later took his law enforcement experience to the State of California Department of Social Services as a senior special investigator.

Mark was a person who loved his family and had a multitude of friends and special interests. He was active in Sea Scouts, Little League, and high school wrestling. His hobbies included golf, woodworking, home remodeling, cooking and spending time with his children. He had lovingly looked forward to giving away his daughter Carrie at her wedding on April 30, 2006. He will always be fondly remembered as a patient, kind, loving and compassionate person. His funeral was held to an overflowing crowd at West Sacramento's River Cities Funeral Chapel on April 20, 2006. Entombment was at East Lawn Cemetery in Sacramento.

Sue Balestra

Sue Balestra passed away on April 27, 2006 in Sacramento at the age of 59. She was the beloved wife of 23 years to Lloyd Balestra; the loving sister of Dee Walterich and extended family.

Visitation was held on May 2, 2006 in the River Cities Funeral Chapel of West Sacramento. Private graveside services will be held on May 3, 2006 in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Salinas, California.

New books to check out from your local library

By Elise McCallan
Arthur F. Turner Branch Library
1212 Merkley Ave.
West Sacramento

The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library has received the following new books:

"The Historical Atlas of New York City: A Visual Celebration of 400 Years of New York City's History" by Eric Homberger.

"Lif Out of Context: Which Includes a Proposal for the Non-Violent Takeover of the House of Representatives" by Walter Mosley.

"King Kong: The History o a Movie Icon From Fay Wray to Peter Jackson" by Ray Morton.

"The Big Splat: Or How Our Moon Came to Be" by Dana Mackenzie.

"The Race for Timbuktu: In Search of Africa's City of Gold' by Frank T. Kryza.

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—Irish Proverb

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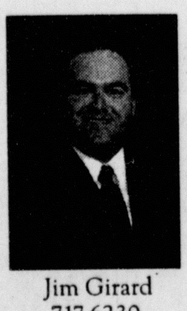
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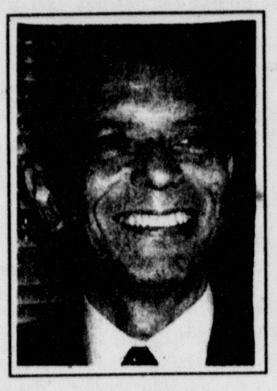

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SPORTS

SPORTS INSIDER

From Richard Novoa



By Richard Novoa

For the first time in years the NFL draft provided us with some real excitement and very interesting and surprising selections as the billionaire owners prepare for the 2006 season. The Houston Texans turned the draft upside down by signing defensive end, Mario Williams, the night before the draft and surprisingly passing on Reggie Bush!

Houston's loss allowed the Saints to select Bush with the second pick and it turned the City of New Orleans into an instant haven for the Heisman Trophy winner. Bush will now be marching for the Saints when they reopen the Superdome next season.

Of course, Oakland Raiders owner, Al Davis, didn't surprising anyone by drafting another defensive back (Michael Huff) again with his first pick (7th) but I still can't understand how he let USC quarterback Matt Leinart slip through his fingers.

The All-Everything QB fell all the way down to the 10th pick and into the awaiting arms of Dennis Green and the Phoenix Cardinals. I guess Big Al is planning to go to the Super Bowl next year with his current trio of quarterbacks. Leinart could've been the next Kenny Stabler for the Silver and Black!

Anyway, the 49ers scored big with their first round (6th) selection of the top-rated 6-foot-3, 254- pound tight end Vernon Davis out of Maryland U and followed up with their second pick in the first round to grab highly regarded linebacker Manny Lawson from N.C. State. The Niner's need help everywhere and on both sides of the football.

Kings Korner

How about those Sacramento Kings! Just when you thought they were dead in the water the boys from Sacramento pulled out their own miracle win on Friday night. It was a classic win and you can bet that this game that will go down in Kings history as their top playoff win or maybe as the K-Mart special!

The Kings played the game of the year in holding off the talented Spurs late night charge only to watch in horror as Bibby stole the ball with 4 seconds remaining and fling a half court pass to Kevin Martin, who in turn, twisted a lay-up around 7-foot Tim Duncan to steal game three and a 94-93 win over San Antonio.

Then, on Sunday night the Kings followed up from their miracle win by putting a good old fashion "Sopranos" whipping on the Spurs to win game four 102-84 and send the best of seven series back to San Antonio, tied at two games apiece.

The Spurs really have to be worried about the Kings especially after the basketball clinic the Kings put on them Sunday. They can't really worry about the buzzer beating lay up by Kevin Martin on Friday night because it just happened in the heat of the game. That's just playoff basketball; just like Barry's last second three-pointer just happened in game 2 or is that more like Justice!

This kind of action is what makes basketball and especially the NBA playoffs exciting and fun to watch. But if the Kings continue to play like they have in the last three games the Spurs are in big trouble. The Kings have responded to the return of Ron Artest after his one game suspension to play inspired basketball and have really turn this series into the best of three. The Kings can still win this series but they must win game 6 at the Arco on Friday, May 5th (7 p.m.) and just one game in Texas!

Artest's intensity has infected the Kings and the virus is contagious. Kings Fever – Catch It!

Major League Baseball

The Giants (13-12) are still struggling around the .500 mark but not to worry, so are all the other teams in the very weak Western Division. Omar Vizquel and Moises Alou are one and two atop of the major leading batting leaders. Also, in the Babe watch, Mr. Bonds is still limping around but he did manage to slug his 3rd home run (711) to inch closer to the Babe's magic number of 714.

The Oakland A's are (13-12) only a ½ game behind the division leading Rangers and are enjoying some unsuspected power from Nick Swisher, who has clubbed 10 homers in April and has drove in 24 runs. Swisher is a shoe in for the A.L. player of the month.

The River Gatos are in town this week entertaining Portland until Friday night when Tucson invades Raley Field for a long weekend series.

Soccer

USA World Cup soccer coach, Bruce Arena, will select his 23-man team roster on Tuesday as he prepares his team for the 2006 World Cup on June 9th in Germany. The USA is currently rank 4th in the World behind Brazil, Czech Republic, and Holland. The top ten is filled out by Spain, Mexico, France, Portugal, Argentina and the English are tenth.

Speaking of local soccer, the Sacramento Knights, who are currently in first place in the National Premier Soccer League (NPSL), return home for two games this weekend. The Knight were on the road last weekend beating Sonoma 3-1 on Friday night but lost the following night 5-2 to the Frogs in San Jose.

The Knights will play their next home games on Saturday, May 6th (7:30 p.m.) and again on Sunday, May 7th (6 p.m.) at Sheldon High School. Checkout their website for ticket and game information. (www.sactoknights.com).

Boxing

The Oscar del Hoya (37-4- 29 KO's) fight on Saturday night (6 p.m. Pay-per-View) in Las Vegas against Ricardo Mayorga (28-5, 23 KO's) has some real animosity and promises no love taps between these two warriors.

The event is billed "Hostile Territory" and rightfully so because the Nicaraguan born, Mayorga slapped Oscar in the back of the head during the press conference last week and then cussed out the "Golden Boy" and his wife, and then jumped all over his family tree and finished his tirade by insulting his Mexican heritage. Mayorga is the WBC Super welterweight (154 lbs.) champion but Oscar has promised Ricardo he will be his next knockout victim!

Enjoy your day – see ya next week!

RAIDER ROUNDUP

By Troy Turner

Varsity Boys Baseball

The boys varsity team split the two games they played against Foothill last week.

In the first game, the Raiders led 2-1 going into the fifth inning and scored three runs in that inning to seal the victory 5-3. During the second game, the score was tied 2-2 going into the last inning. Foothill scored in the bottom of the inning, and won 3-2. The Raiders still remain in second place in the CVC conference. This week, they will face Center High twice.

Girls Varsity Softball

The girls' varsity team played well last week against both Center and Dixon.

Against Center, the team was down 3-0 after the first inning, but battled back and scored four runs. They then held off the Cougars to win 4-3.

In the Dixon game, the Raiders led 3-0, but the Rams scored five runs late and beat the Raiders 5-3.

The Raiders remain in third place in the conference. This week, they play Rio Linda.

Girls Varsity Soccer

The girls soccer team beat Highlands last week 2-0. They are currently in third place in the CVC conference, with a 4-3 record. This week, they face Center and Foothill.

Boys Golf

The golf team had only one match last week, beating Highlands 262-278 at Cherry Island golf course. Jacob Geivett led all golfers with a round of 46 on a par 36 course. This week, the team participates in the CVC Conference Tourney.

Swim Team

The River City Girls team was crowned Capital Valley Conference League Champion, defeating all other CVC teams with a winning score of 487.5.

The second-place team was well behind with a score of 424. The boys' team swam well, but had to settle for third place in the league. The girls team will continue on to other championship meets.

New coach for East Yolo squad

From Bruce Gallaudet

Woodland High School baseball coach Javi Valdivia has been appointed coach of the East (Yolo) Squad for County Clash III June 12 at Travis Credit Union Park in Vacaville.

Valdivia, who replaced Rob Rinaldi as the Wolves skipper last summer, brings WHS assistants Danny Eoff, Felix Castillo and Kevin Nusz with him to coach the East team. Davis High assistant Steve Swimley has also been named the staff.

The County Clash is a showcase baseball game for high school seniors played between members of Solano (West) and Yolo county schools. Designed to be a fundraiser for area prep diamond programs, the County Clash also gives players a chance to play with guys they've played against for the high school

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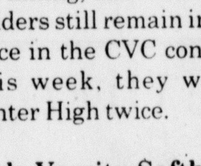
Sports QUIZ

by Chris Richcreek

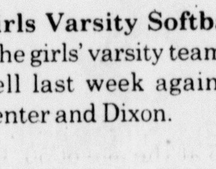
1. Name the last team to win a World Series in the same season it had the regular-season league Most Valuable Player.
2. In 1920, Babe Ruth hit 54 home runs, topping the total for each of the other American League teams. Which A.L. team was closest to the Yankee slugger's total?
3. Who holds the NFL record for most TD receptions by a tight end for a season?
4. Name the last team before Siena in 2002 to win an NCAA Tournament game with a losing record.
5. Who was the last Washington Capitals player before rookie Alex Ovechkin in the 2005-06 NHL season to tally at least 40 goals for a season?
6. NASCAR team owner Rick Hendrick has won the Daytona 500 with four different drivers. Name them.
7. When John McEnroe won a doubles championship in San Jose, Calif., in 2006, he became the oldest person (47) to win an ATP Tour doubles title in the Open era. Who had been the oldest?

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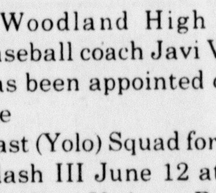
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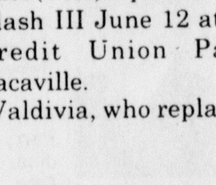
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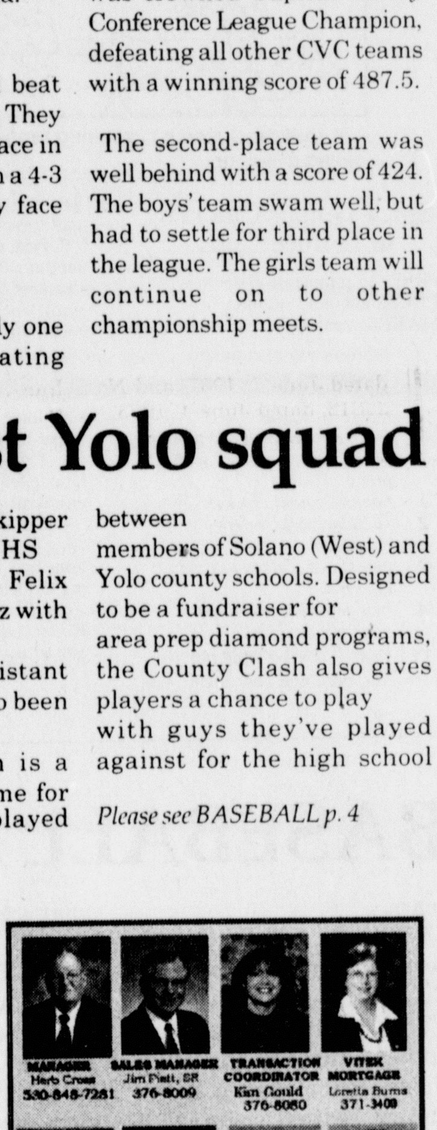
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Kevin Costner

HOLLYWOOD ... **Kevin Costner's** next is "The Guardian," scheduled for a September release. This about a Coast Guard rescue swimmer who is contending with a rebellious enlistee played by **Ashton Kutcher**. Now white-haired, but still virile and handsome, Costner has had a long and glorious career, plus several wives and several children. He recently sold his home in the Hollywood Hills to **Ryan Seacrest** for many, many millions, and now Ryan will reside in the 10,000 square-foot hacienda on an acre behind gates, enjoying five bedrooms, staff quarters, a media room, a billiards room, a pool, spa and gardens. Costner also owns homes in Santa Barbara, Calif., where he keeps his boat and sails the Pacific, and in Aspen, Colo., where he rides horses and fishes. And you know what? At the moment, I don't know anything more about his private life.

Michelle Williams, whose career skyrocketed after her role in "Brokeback Mountain," will star in **Woody Allen's** next. Like all his movies, this one is yet untitled and the storyline kept a secret, but most everyone knows it's about young Americans in Paris. Meanwhile, Woody and his former adopted daughter and now wife, **Soon-Yi**, continue in what seems to be a happy marriage. BUT, don't ever mention his name to former wife **Mia Farrow**. You will get a tirade of expletives that will blow you right to the top of the Empire State Building!

It always helps to have a second career, and **Julie Andrews** found one. After that glorious singing voice was stilled, she turned to writing and has since written several books. Recently Julie came to L.A. to attend the UCLA Festival of Books. She appeared onstage and read to a group of enthralled youngsters, her latest being "The Great American Musical." After it was over, the kiddies rushed the stage and got big hugs and kisses from Julie.

Aside to John Foliano of Wilmington, N.C. Yup. You heard right. **Sylvester Stallone** once made a porn film. It was titled "Party at Kitty and Studs." When he become famous it was dusted off, renamed "The Italian Stallion" and shown at private parties at a rental fee of $10,000. So says Aubrey Malone in his book, "I Was a Fugitive From a Hollywood Trivia Factory."

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BITS 'N' PIECES: Jen must certainly be "having the last laugh" now, what with all the turbulence between **Angelina** and **Brad**. ... **Teri Hatcher** and former Soviet leader **Mikhail Gorbachev**! Quelle combination! The two met at a Beverly Hills hotel to discuss Women's World Awards to be held in October in the Big Apple, and they got along just swimmingly. ... **Brooke Shields** has "another bump in the belly." ... **Glen Ford** made his first public appearance in 15 years when he appeared at the Egyptian Theater at a gala celebrating his 90th birthday. His hit film co-starring **Rita Hayworth** was shown, and afterward there were speeches and all manner of tributes, plus the birthday cake and huggin' and kissin'. ... Too bad **Sharon Stone's** "Basic Instinct 2" bombed a the box office. She was paid $13 million to star in the picture, and I understand her demands during shooting were outrageous. ... To reiterate, **Britney** should have bought dolls to play with instead of having real-life babies. ... And hooray! "Casablanca," my favorite film of all time, topped the Writer's Guild poll for the Best Screenplay of all time!

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A fruit produced by crossing tangerines and oranges is called a tangor.

Spicy Ginger Chicken in Lettuce Cups

PREP: 15 minutes
COOK: about 15 minutes
MAKES: 4 main-dish servings

- *3 tablespoons soy sauce*
- *1 tablespoon grated peeled fresh ginger*
- *1 teaspoon sugar*
- *1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper*
- *1 garlic clove, crushed with press*
- *1 pound ground chicken*
- *2 medium stalks celery, chopped*
- *1/2 cup sliced water chestnuts, chopped*
- *1/4 cup dry-roasted peanuts, coarsely chopped*
- *8 to 12 large Boston lettuce leaves*

1. In cup, combine soy sauce, ginger, sugar, crushed red pepper and garlic; set aside.

2. Heat nonstick 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add chicken and cook 4 to 5 minutes or until no longer pink, breaking up meat with side of spoon.

3. Add celery to chicken in skillet, and cook 2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add water chestnuts and soy-sauce mixture; cook 1 minute to blend flavors. Stir in peanuts.

4. Divide chicken mixture among lettuce leaves. Fold leaves over chicken mixture and eat out of hand.

• Each serving: About 305 calories, 24 g protein, 8 g carbohydrate, 20 g total fat (1 g saturated), 3 g fiber, 66 mg cholesterol, 825 mg sodium.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• Did you know that bamboo is actually a kind of grass? Reaching heights of up to 130 feet, it's the world's tallest grass, in fact.

• Walter Winchell, famed newspaper reporter of the early part of the 20th century, once made the following shrewd observation: "The way to become famous fast is to throw a brick at someone who is famous."

• Many of us who grew up watching the popular PBS series "Sesame Street" don't realize that the show's original title was "The Preschool Educational Television Show." I imagine "Sesame Street" was easier for youngsters to remember — and pronounce.

• "Casino" means "place of entertainment" in Italian.

• It's been reported that TV personality Oprah Winfrey learned to read before she was 3 years old.

• It's fairly common knowledge that the Civil War started at Fort Sumter in South Carolina, but many salient details of that encounter are more obscure. The fateful hour was 4:30 a.m., when a 67-year-old supporter of secession named Edmund Ruffin fired the first shot, a task he volunteered to perform. The official records say that over the course of that day and the next, the fort was hit by a grand total of 3,341 shells from cannons; miraculously, though, not a single Union soldier was injured during the barrage. There was one casualty that day, though: As the fort was being surrendered, a ceremonial 50-gun salute caused the explosion of some gunpowder. A Union soldier named Daniel Hough was killed.

• Linguists report that the United States has the fewest distinct dialects of any major country in the history of the world.

• Gangster Al Capone reportedly paid more than $290,000 every week for bribes.

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BASEBALL from p. 3

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The game will feature the best senior players from River City High School.

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"The atmosphere and the environment of the County Clash makes for a great event for all players and families."

Valdivia, a 1991 Winters High School graduate, earned his degree from Chico State. In nine years assisting Rinaldi at Woodland, Valdivia got to work with players Tony Torcato (San Francisco Giants), Dustin Pedroia (Boston Red Soxn), Matt Kamigawachi (UC Davis), Matt Pulley (Baltimore Orioles) and Robert Abel (University of Arizona).

"I appreciate the opportunity," says Valdivia, who sees the game as a chance for area baseball programs to easily raise money.

"The school programs keep all the money earned from sale of tickets," says former UCD coach Phil Swimley, a County Clash organizer. "And the game itself has turned into something the coaches and players look forward to ... last year's game was an instant classic."

In 2005, the heavily favored West squad was tied 8-8 by the Yolo County as the East came back from an 8-2 deficit in the the last innings. The potential winning run for the West was thrown out at the plate with two outs in the bottom of the ninth.

"Exciting, great fun for the kids and coaches and a great way to support area baseball ... what's not to like?" smiles Swimley.

Tickets are available beginning this Wednesday through members of the high school baseball programs in the two counties. Underwritten by Pacific Gas & Electric Co., Carbahal & Co., the Solano Thunderbirds and University Honda, County Clash tickets are $10 each.

For additional information, contact Bruce Gallaudet at (530) 979-7724.

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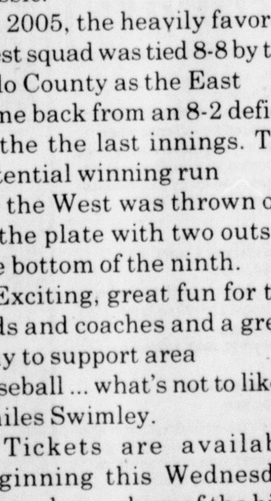
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A 26-year old West Sacramento man was arrested, and admitted having taken his girlfriend's ATM card to make cash withdrawals. Total value of the theft: $602. The man was booked into jail.

April 22, 1:36 a.m.
A 25-year old Sacramento man was involved in a traffic accident. Police felt he appeared intoxicated, and the man was arrested for driving under the influence.

April 25, 12:44 p.m.
A Fourth Street man reported leaving his apartment to go to work delivering newspapers, when he was attacked by two men. One subject fought with him while the other hit him from behind with a board. Nothing was taken, as the victim was carrying nothing of value.

April 25, 2:09 p.m.
An Enterprise Blvd. business reported the theft of a carton of furniture valued at $23,000.

April 25, 3:18 p.m.
The parent of kids attending a Todhunter Avenue elementary school told police that a nearby resident has exposed himself "more than once" to the children when they were on his street.

April 25, 9:33 p.m.
Police received a second-hand report that a north-area woman's husband was breaking objects in her home. An officer determined that the woman had been talking to another man over the Internet, when her ex-husband (who was present) became angry. The man broke the computer keyboard and left in a vehicle.

April 25, 12:03 p.m.
A Casselman Drive resident complained that police did not look for fingerprints at his home, the subject of a burglary.

April 27, 12:38 a.m.
Family members brought a man to a West Capitol Avenue store near Poplar Avenue, saying the man had just been stabbed nearby on Pecan Street. The man was taken to the emergency room.

April 27, 9:51 a.m.
A subject told police that she heard a Jefferson Blvd. check-cashing business had received a forged money order, apparently from the victim of a "Nigerian scheme." Police interviewed the person who attempted to cash the money order. It initially appeared that the subject had received the money order and a letter from a Nigerian scammer. Such "scams" typically promise a large reward in return for help with some problem. But they require the victim to pay some up-front costs, and then the promised reward doesn't materialize.

April 27, 2:54 p.m.
The middle school reported an incident with drugs.

April 27, 3:12 p.m.
On Lewiston Road, a resident reported having left a parcel on the porch for UPS to pick up. The package was instead stolen.

April 28, 1:07 a.m.
A caller reported that an overturned vehicle was near Southport Parkway, and the vehicle's occupants were apparently outside, with unknown injuries.

April 28, 8:27 a.m.
A north-area resident reported a 16-year old boy missing, not for the first time. Calls to the boy's friends proved fruitless.

April 29, 11:23 a.m.
On Touchstone Place, a stolen vehicle was recovered.

April 29, 5:14 p.m.
A passing motorist called 911 on a cell phone to report a car had hit a pole on Marshall Road at San Salvador Street. CHP dispatchers transferred the report to the West Sacramento police.

April 29, 6:35 p.m.
A woman reported her ex-boyfriend had just kicked in her car door in an incident at a southern Jefferson Boulevard gasoline complex.

April 30, 1:23 a.m.
A mobilehome park resident on Sacramento Avenue reported that someone had stolen her purse from her unlocked vehicle.

April 30, 9:55 a.m.
A Pierce Street house was reported to have been hit with graffiti. Police determined that the owners were preparing to move in, and had paint on the premises. Someone broke all the bathroom lights during the night, used the paint to scrawl gang symbols on walls, and poured paint on the gas stove.

April 30, 11:41 a.m.
A Rockrose Road resident reported that a neighbor may have cut his own throat.

April 30, 12:10 p.m.
A woman said her son had been assaulted by four subjects, and that a Harbor Boulevard store may have caught the incident on surveillance tape.

ANSWERS to Sports Quiz (P. 3) & Puzzles (P. 8)

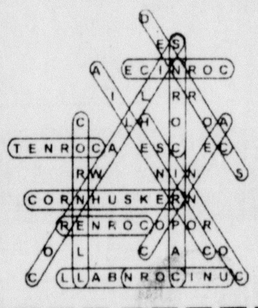
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Differences: 1. Rings are lower. 2. Shirt is different. 3. Crate is different. 4. Door is closed. 5. Sleeve is shorter. 6. Hair is different.

Answers

1. The Los Angeles Dodgers with MVP Kirk Gibson in 1988.
2. The St. Louis Browns had a team total of 50 homers.
3. Antonio Gates of the San Diego Chargers with 13 in 2004.
4. Bradley won twice in the 1955 tournament after getting in with a 7-19 record.
5. Peter Bondra had 45 goals in 2000-01.
6. Geoff Bodine (1986), Darrell Waltrip (1989), Jeff Gordon (1997, 1999, 2005) and Jimmie Johnson (2006).
7. Pancho Gonzales.

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Bike Commute Month will be celebrated throughout May with various events in hopes of achieving a collective goal of one million miles of bike riding in the Sacramento region. The million mile kick-off event is Friday, May 5, 11:30 a.m., at the Meridian Plaza, 1415 L St., Sacramento. Teams of cyclists from businesses, schools and government agencies will join regional leaders at the event in promoting the challenge to bike one million miles in May. Sign in on the special Web site and become part of the challenge, www.bikecommutemonth.com

Using your bike for recreation, commuting and errands will help those miles add up. You'll also receive a free 2006 Bike Commute Month T-shirt.

Honorary co-chair Oscar Villegas of the West Sacramento City Council extends the challenge to local citizens. "Bike riding is an easy way to get to know your neighborhood," he said. "Think of the gas savings by riding your bike to work or school. You'll also be reducing air pollution and road congestion."

Council Member Villegas also asks residents to take part in the bicycling survey on the city Web site, www.cityofwestsacramento.org. Under "City Surveys," click on the Bike Pedestrian Trail Master Plan Survey. "Ride for the health of it and give us your feedback," he said. "You can help the city improve the experience of bike riding."

One of the key bike commute activities this month is Bike-to-Work Day, Thursday, May 18, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. A "bike fest" will be held on the west steps of the State Capitol, featuring bike shops, bike groups, refreshments, music and prize giveaways. Three Breezer folding bicycles are among the prizes.

For more information about the Sacramento Region Bike Commute Month, call (916) 321-9000. The program is coordinated by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments and the region's transportation management associations and organizations.

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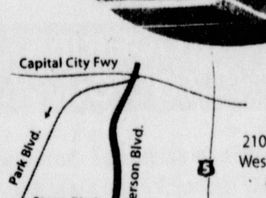


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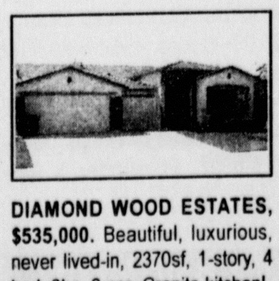
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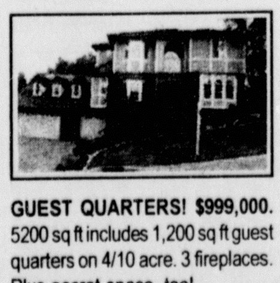
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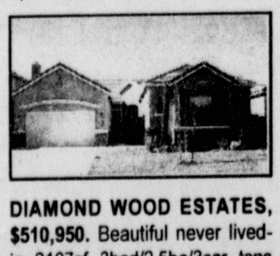
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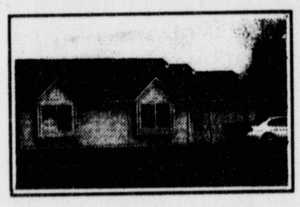


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OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial

Bits & pieces

Late Monday afternoon, the Washington Unified School District announced a "special" meeting of the school board, apparently to discuss in closed session part of the hiring process for a new superintendent. The "special" nature of the meeting allowed the meeting to be called for the next day at 5:30 p.m. This time frame just met minimum requirements for notifying the public of a board meeting.

It is true that the board is holding fewer of these short-notice meetings than it did in 2005 and early 2006. But the board ought to bear in mind that any meeting that gives the public "bare minimum" notice is a meeting to be avoided.

Presumably, Tuesday's special meeting dealt with a subject such as which questions to ask of candidates for the superintendent's post. The problem is that, if there is a member of the public out there who had some good ideas on this topic, then that person probably never learned of Tuesday's board meeting until it was too late. A chance to attend the meeting and address the board, as is a citizen's right, was probably missed.

The opportunity for public comment is very important in our form of government. It should be treated that way.

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Last week, in our "letters" section, local pastor Gary Clements explicitly called the News-Ledger and several others "anti-God" and "anti-Bible."

It should be obvious to everyone else that this type of bile is uncalled for, and that it is doubly embarrassing when hurled by someone cloaking himself in Christ.

Many of us have learned the hard way that you can't argue with a religious fundamentalist. You simply can't pit reason against faith and expect anything other than a bunch of loud shouting to result. This holds equally true whether that faith comes from someone's rock-certain interpretation of the Bible or their no-questions-allowed version of the Koran.

You can't debate someone who puts you in league with Satan if you disagree, so don't even try. But there is a very important value in publishing words like those strung together last week (and in a similar episode several years ago) by Clements. It serves to remind us that these people are in our community, in significant numbers, and if you don't pay attention, you don't speak up, and you don't counteract their arrogance and misguided righteousness, they can do a lot of damage.

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Letters to the Editor

No more Bible-thumping

Wow, the decision of our West Sacramento mayor to make public his choice of lifestyle is really bringing the Bible thumpers out of the woodwork. In last week's *News-Ledger*, there must have been at least three Sunday sermons contained in just one letter to the editor, taking up a third of a page in the newspaper.

I, for one, believe the people of West Sacramento are very fortunate in having a mayor as gifted as Mr. Cabaldon, and city council members of the same caliber.

A person's lifestyle is a private matter and has absolutely no bearing on that person's public life. It would be nice if the Bible thumpers could understand that, and confine their sermons to their respective church members, who may or may not, agree with them.

WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS
West Sacramento

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Sorry you didn't make room to show the other side of the story when the president of the United States visited West Sacramento. The only signs you showed were people against the president. There were several of us there with a few "Welcome Mr. President" signs. Your responsibility as a reporter and a newspaper is to provide the public with both sides of an issue -- impartiality please! Managed journalism is as phony as the hired protesters handing out signs and using megaphones.

Our governing city/county officials had a responsibility to honor the president for the very fact that he does hold the highest office in the land. I didn't vote for those city/county officials but I am a member of this community and country. Our so called big shots didn't know how to act when faced by the real, highest, and busiest official in the whole land. It was appalling that Mr. McGowan would say to the press and be quoted by them that it was the president who didn't invite the people. He made sure he was seen at the president's elbow at the alternative energy building.

As I watched the signs and the protesters, two thoughts came to mind. Those signs looked like Bill Clinton leftovers when he was too busy in the oval office on personal business to be bothered with protecting the USA from terrorists or telling the truth in a court of law, and that their trust in Bill Clinton was betrayed by him. No wonder that their frenzy was near pathological -- they want our President Bush to be as bad as Bill Clinton (or at least try to make him look as bad). That just can't be done, no matter how many megaphones they hire.

I'm sure the president didn't put much into any of the signs that he didn't see accept in the newspaper accounts. Therefore please cancel my subscription to your newspaper and mail me back the refund. I don't wish to support managed news reporting.

MARGIA M. JACOBS
West Sacramento

Thanks

Last Saturday, School Board member Dave Westin graciously hosted a fundraiser for my campaign for county assessor. I want to thank him for opening his home and for his hospitality. I also want to thank everyone who attended. For those who missed the event, there will be another. A meet and greet is scheduled for the morning of May 6th at 390 C Street from 9:30 to 11:00.

People are asking about the many problems in the assessor's office. Since the problems are so varied, I find it best to answer those questions one at a time. So, come by, send me an e-mail or call me on the phone (milbrodt@starband.net (530)758-9150).

BOB MILBRODT
Davis

Enough already

I am a Christian and my heart grew heavy when I read Gary Clements' letter. I know from previous experience that anything I say to him will just go in one ear and out the other, but I'll try to make it simple: You are not God, therefore you are relieved from judging fellow human beings. You are not a geneticist, therefore you can let science continue its research. The mayor's personal life is off-limits, unless he becomes a serial killer or an ax murderer, and the reason why he was reluctant to publicly share this information is quite obvious -- people like you who are so smug and self-righteous.

The vast majority of Muslims regarded their religious fanatics as harmless enough for years until one day they awoke to find their lunatic fringe had grown into a formidable political power and great suffering has ensued. Christians were equally unaware of religious zealots jousting for political power in our government to execute a hidden agenda. Now it's time for moderate Muslims to take back their countries. It's also time for docile Christians to denounce some of the devious tactics used by evangelistic leaders to ignore the separation of church and state.

Our faith groups should be occupied by aiding the ill, lost and hungry and fulfilling the true mission of Christ. We are surrounded by a suffering world while bombarded by phonies like Jerry Faldwell and Pat Roberts and Gary Clements.

The mayor has excelled in his position. Let's start acting like adults and let him do his

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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Filed Apr 4 2006
2003-031

The following fictitious business name, Thompson's Heating & Air Conditioning, whose principal place of business was 1580 Casa Place #E, Woodland 95776, Yolo County, which was originally filed in Yolo County on July 1993 is being ABANDONED by the registrant listed below:

David Thompson, 415 Beamer St., Woodland CA 95695 Yolo County.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

/s/David Thompson

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Date: Apr 4, 2006
by: /s/Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar. 22, 2006
File No. 2006-312

The following person is doing business as TS Enterprises, 39797 Morning Dove Pl., Davis CA 95616:

Rachel B. Milbrodt, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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/s/Rachel B. Milbrodt

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 10, 2006
File No. 2006-393

The following person is doing business as Mary's Loan Processing, 606 Main St., Woodland CA 95695:

Mary Gavigan, 606 Main St., Woodland CA 95695.

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/s/Mary Gavigan

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 11, 2006
File No. 2006-400

The following person is doing business as Tic Tac Towing Service, Inc., 38612 W Kentucky Ave., Woodland CA 95695:

Gerald W. Miller & Barbara A. Miller, 42 W Woodland Ave., Woodland CA 95695.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

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/s/Gerald W. Miller
Barbara A. Miller

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 4, 2006
File No. 2006-372

The following person is doing business as Guided Home Realty and Mortgage, 606 Main St., Woodland CA 95695:

Everett A. Gavigan, 1351 Tyler Dr., Woodland CA 95776.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/4/06.

/s/Everett A. Gavigan

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed March 22, 2006
File No. 2006-318

The following person is doing business as Revive; Revive Therapeutic Massage and Body Center, 1920 East Eighth St., Davis CA 95616:

Julie Stentzel, 735 Valencia Ave., Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 22.

/s/Julie Stentzel

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 5, 2006
File No. 2006-375

The following person is doing business as AGX Networks, 1101 Eagle Pl., Davis CA 95616:

Gerry Pesavento, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/1/06.

/s/Gerry Pesavento

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Date: Apr 5, 2006
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 24, 2006
File No. 2006-442

The following person is doing business as Blankets, 319 Alameda Blvd., West Sac CA 95691:

Shannon LaLonde, same address.

This business is conducted by an Unincorporated Association.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/24/06.

/s/Shannon LaLonde

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed April 4, 2006
File No. 2006-368

The following person is doing business as VCA Westside Animal Hospital, 1550 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento CA 95691; mailing address 12401 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90064.

Arroyo PetCare Center, Inc., (CA corp.) 12401 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles CA 90064.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/1/04.

/s/Tomas W. Fuller

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Date: Apr 4, 2006
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed March 6, 2006
File No. 2006-252

The following person is doing business as Atlas Home Loans; Atlas Nationwide Home Loans; Atlas Nationwide Realty, 606 Main Street, Woodland CA 95695.

Everett A. Gavigan, 1351 Tyler Drive, Woodland CA 95776.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/6/2006.

/s/Everett A. Gavigan

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Date: March 6, 2006
by: /s/ , Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed April 14, 2006
File No. 2006-418

The following person is doing business as Championship Ag, 1990 Hays Lane, Woodland CA 95776; PO Box 691, Davis CA 95617.

Marc Q. Jones, 2718 Rondo Pl., Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/12/06.

/s/Marc Q. Jones

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We rarely think people have good sense unless they agree with us.
—Francois de La Rochefoucauld

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All men dream: but not equally. Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds wake in the day to find that it was vanity: but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act their dream with open eyes, to make it possible.
—T. E. Lawrence

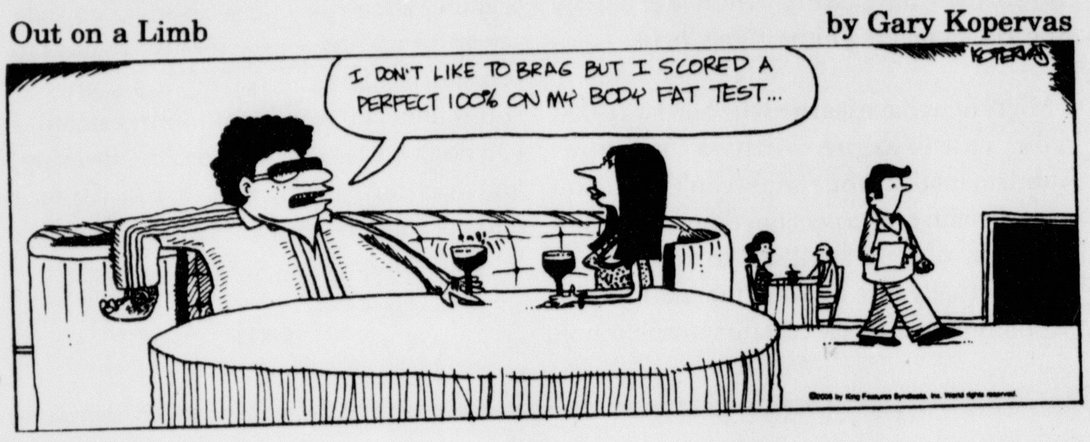
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PUZZLES & COMICS

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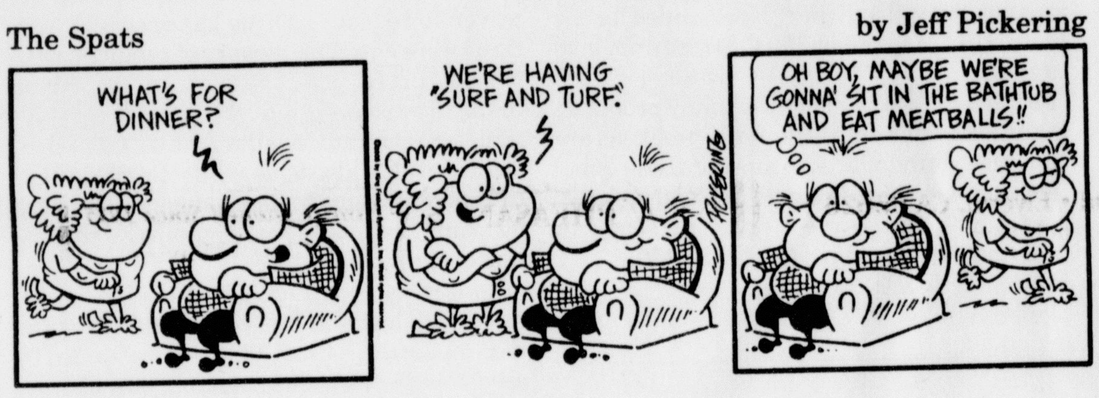
Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas

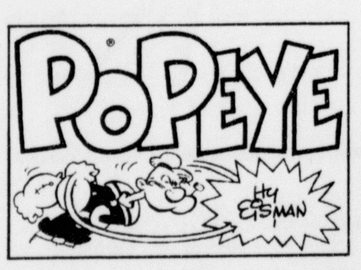


Amber Waves by Dave Phipps



The Spats by Jeff Pickering





















CHARACTER PROFILE: SECRET AGENT X-9

WRITTEN BY DASHIELL HAMMETT AND ILLUSTRATED BY ALEX RAYMOND, "SECRET AGENT X-9" FIRST APPEARED IN NEWSPAPERS ON JANUARY 22, 1934.



DURING RAYMOND'S TENURE ON "SECRET AGENT X-9" HE WORKED SIMULTANEOUSLY ON TWO OTHER COMIC STRIPS...

...INTERNATIONAL ADVENTURER "JUNGLE JIM" AND A SCI-FI STRIP CALLED "FLASH GORDON".

FLASH GORDON BY JIM KEEFE

DAZED AND DISORIENTED, X-9 SLOWLY REGAINS HIS SENSES.







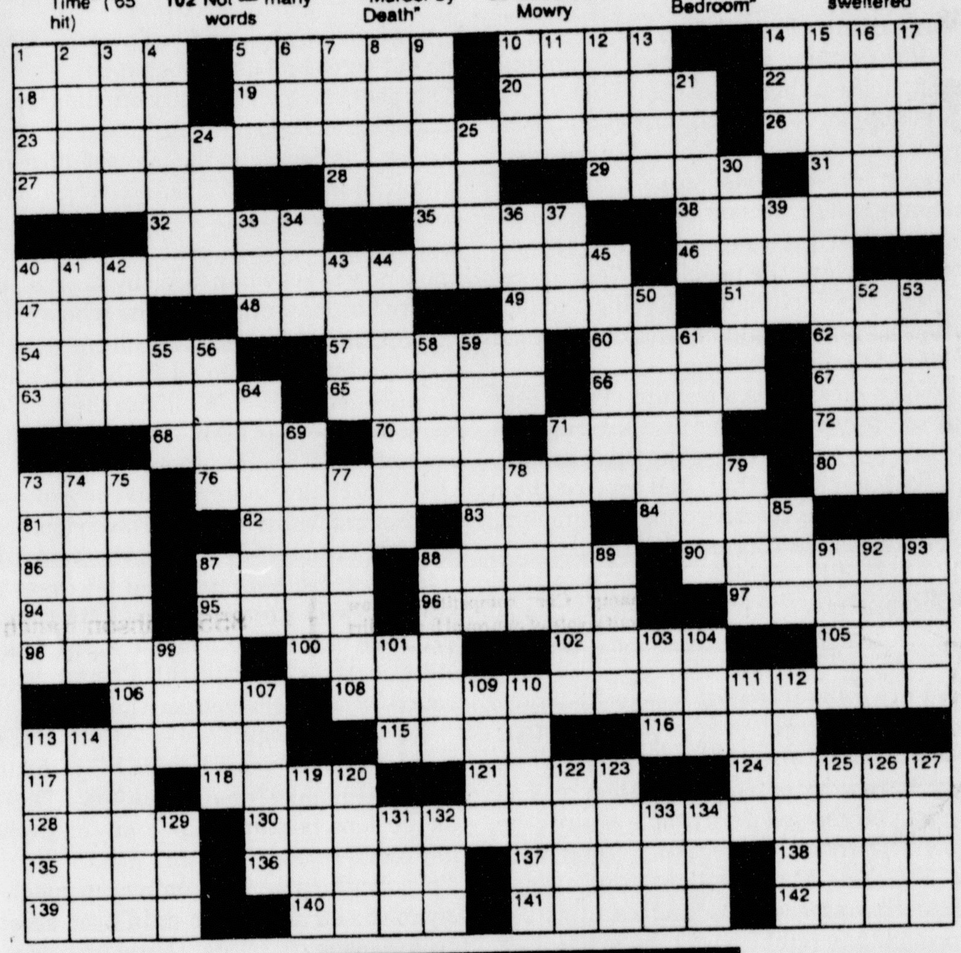




Super Crossword GENERIC ZOO

ACROSS
1 "It Must Be Him" singer
5 Summoned electronically
10 Svelte
14 "— Said" ('61 hit)
18 Gallimaufry
19 Madrid month
20 Famed fabulist
22 Word with history or hygiene
23 Kids' TV show?
26 Move like a mouse
27 Studio sign
28 Bouillabaisse or burgoo
29 Clarinetist Artie
31 Security grp.
32 Tidy
35 Put together
38 Author Willa
40 Marx Brothers film?
46 "— go brag!"
47 Southern constellation
48 O'Hara homestead
49 Datebook abbr.
51 Corn color
54 Director Zoltan
57 Knot
60 "The — Time" ('65 hit)
62 Cub Scout group
63 Offend
65 Certain heron
66 Prankish
67 Exec's deg.
68 Model Carre
70 Snitch
71 Dog star?
72 Eyebrow shape
73 Norm
76 "The Wind in the Willows" setting?
80 Boxing expert Fleischer
81 Saperstein or Lincoln
82 La — Tar Pits
83 Squirrel's snack
84 Astronaut Armstrong
86 Apex
87 Cassandra or Merlin
88 Continental currency
90 Wheel features
94 Absent
95 Bloomsbury buggy
96 Labor leader George
97 Chef Jeff
98 City on the Mohawk
100 Compact —
102 Not — many words
105 Milne creature
106 Canal feature
108 Poe short story?
113 Shortstop Reese
115 Sphere starter
116 Connecticut campus
117 Where to find an incus
118 Moss or Mulgrew
121 "Eugene Onegin" character
124 Striped stone
128 Urban problem
130 "Joy to the World" rockers?
135 Caesar's cohort
136 It makes candy dandy
137 Future officer
138 Algerian port
139 Black
140 Actor McClure
141 Declare
142 "Peter Pan" pooch

DOWN
1 James of "Murder by Death"
2 One of the Osmonds
3 Philbin's co-host
4 Pasta type
5 JFK Library architect
6 Magnuson or Dvorak
7 Tiffany treasures
8 Part of Q.E.D.
9 Sounds of music
10 Kind of cross
11 Sophisticated
12 Egyptian deity
13 Japheth's father
14 TV's "The — Squad"
15 Comic book hero?
16 One of the Osmonds
17 Hitching post?
21 Locale
24 Locale
25 Long-necked bird
30 Cordiality
33 Pangolin's morsel
34 TV-listing abbr.
36 Worked in Vegas
37 Kreskin's letters
39 Carrere or Mowry
40 Scottish storyteller
41 Blood component
42 "Invaders from —" ('53 film)
43 Press
44 Malaga quaff
45 '84 Daryl Hannah film
50 Kilt material
52 African equine
53 Pass into law
55 Couple
56 Utah resort
58 Fine steed
59 Cortege
61 Libra's symbol
64 Lumberjack's cry
69 Peanut butter or jelly
71 38 Across heroine
73 Couturier Jean
74 "It's — time!"
75 Elton John hit?
77 Loner
78 Atmosphere
79 They're often glossed over
85 Actor Herbert
87 Sissy of "In the Bedroom"
88 Host
89 Out of — (incompatible)
91 Soprano Te Kanawa
92 007's school
93 Be a farrier
99 Bull's beloved
101 "Quiet!"
103 Overhead item?
104 "Birds — feather . . ."
107 Colleague of Shelley
109 Coll. hotshot
110 Whitman's bloomers
111 Panache
112 Multitude
113 "GoodFellas" Oscar winner
114 De Valera of Ireland
119 Heavy blow
120 As a result
122 Aerial annoyance
123 "O patria mia" singer
125 Taj town
126 Comparative word
127 Sicilian volcano
129 Merry
131 — Claire, WI
132 Unit of work
133 Lepidopterist's need
134 When Satie sweltered



Answers to Puzzles Page 4

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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3				1	8	4		
	5	8	2			6		
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging ★★★ *HOO BOY!*

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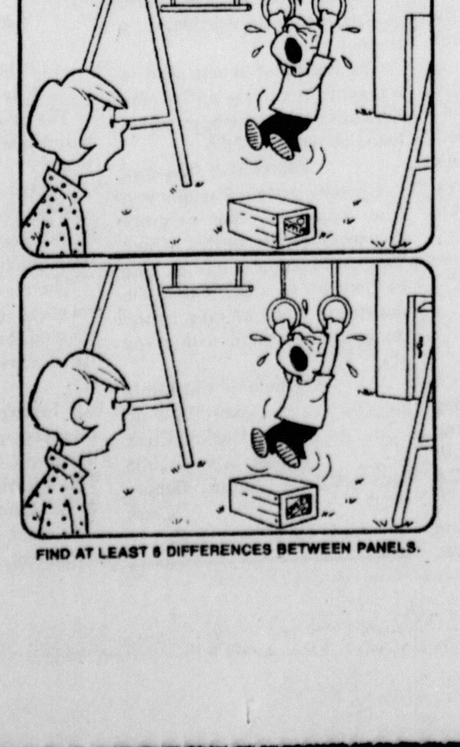
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Capricorn, Cornball, Cornea, Corned, Cornelia, Cornell, Corner, Cornet, Cornhusker, Cornice, Cornish, Corns, Cornwallis, Scorned, Unicorn

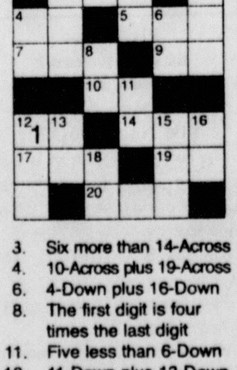
HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Rational Numbers by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
1. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
4. 8-Down minus 10-Across
5. Thirty less than 15-Down
7. Seven hundred more than 5-Across
9. Same digit repeated
10. Six more than 9-Across
12. Ten less than 18-Down
14. Five times 12-Down
17. 1-Across minus 3-Down
19. One-half of 4-Across
20. Consecutive digits rearranged

DOWN
1. Four times 17-Across
2. 10-Across plus 12-Across
3. Six more than 14-Across
4. 10-Across plus 19-Across
6. 4-Down plus 16-Down
8. The first digit is four times the last digit
11. Five less than 6-Down
12. 11-Down plus 13-Down
13. Three times 10-Across
15. 1-Down minus 20-Across
16. Digits of 18-Down reversed

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DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

CRITIC'S CORNER
By D.NA Smith

"Scary Movie 4"

Running time: 83 minutes
MPAA rating: PG-13

How do you review a Xerox copy of a Xerox copy of a Xerox copy? Because really, "Scary Movie 4" is basically the same as its previous three incarnations, except (like a string of Xerox copies) the latest one is three generations weaker than the original.

The recipe for the film (I refuse to call it a plot) is unchanged: Cobble together a string of one-liners, fart jokes and pratfalls and hang them on set pieces based on blockbuster films and pop culture references from LAST YEAR.

The victims this time around are "War of the Worlds," "Saw," "The Village," "The Grudge," "Million Dollar Baby" and "Brokeback Mountain." Toss in a bunch of "Tom Cruise is a crackpot and a moron" situations, and there, in a nutshell, is "Scary Movie 4."

The gags miss more often than they hit, and the only redeeming thing about this movie is the comedic performance by Anna Faris, who somehow takes some of the worst lines and makes them funny. Faris is perhaps the most underrated (and certainly the most underused) comedienne in Hollywood today. Her timing is spot-on, and she nails every joke.

Other notable performances: Leslie Nielsen's "nude" scene is funny in a kinda "Ugh ..." sort of way. But it's nice to see Hollywood giving the Undead more non-traditional roles.

Craig Bierko plays the male lead — the Tom Cruise part. His scenes with Anna Faris are often hilarious — not



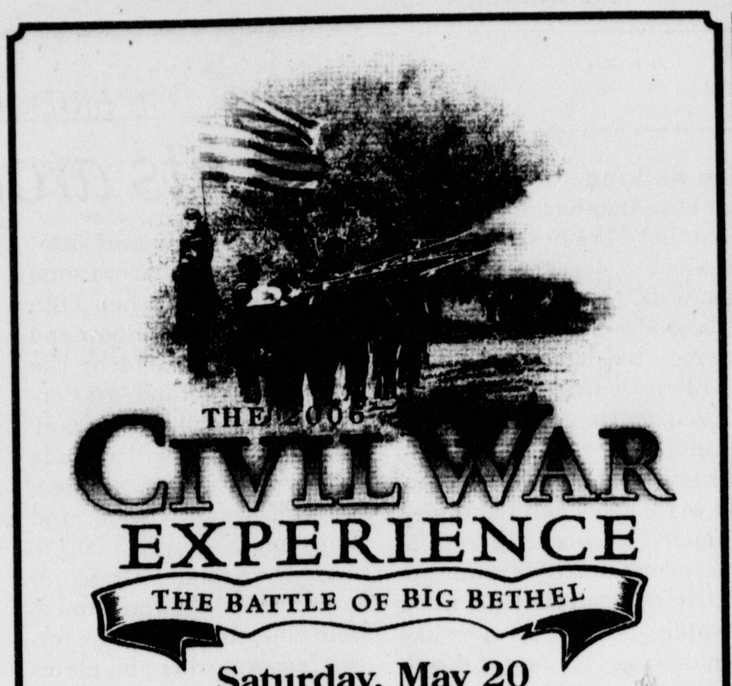
Anna Faris

because of the writing, but because both actors have their characters down so well that they rise above the lackluster script to create some funny moments.

I wish I could recommend "Scary Movie 4," but it just falls short. If you simply MUST see this film, then for goodness' sake, see it at a matinee. Or, if you can muster the intestinal fortitude, wait three months; it'll probably be out on video by then.

GRADE: C-

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RACING
by Greg Zyla

Stewart, Foyt Cut From Same Cloth

Q. Do you feel "Smoke" Tony Stewart is as talented as "Texan" A.J. Foyt was? I hear many times on TV that Stewart and Foyt are regarded as similar in talents. What's your opinion? — ***Andy, e-mail from Texas***

A. Andy, I'd pretty much agree with that statement. Foyt is regarded as one of the best — if not the best — racing driver ever to take a lap on a race course. He is the only driver to win the Daytona 500, LeMans 24 Hours and the Indy 500.



A.J. Foyt

Mario Andretti should also get a vote here, winning the Formula One World Driving Championship, Daytona 500 and Indy 500! Not too shabby.

I mention "race course" because Foyt was just as good on dirt, asphalt and road courses as he was in winning Indy four times. Stewart, although he has yet to win Indy, did win an Indy Racing League championship when he drove Indy cars full time, and his countless wins on dirt tracks across America are well-documented. Much to the chagrin of his teammates at Home Depot and Joe Gibbs Racing, Stewart still competes regularly in sprint and midget races, and in some sports-car endurance races, too. His two Cup championships are well-deserved.

Perhaps the closest similarity between "The Texan" and "Smoke" is personality. Both are good friends and fiery in nature, and if approached at the wrong time, may give more than a TV broadcaster is looking for. However, both are also well respected and have other sides to their personalities.

Q. What are the current records in NHRA Pro Stock and IHRA Pro Stock? You mentioned the NHRA has a 500-inch engine limit, while the IHRA has an 820-inch rule. — ***B.L., Louisiana***

A. The records are indeed swayed in favor of the IHRA's extra 320 cubic-inch engine limits. Greg Anderson holds both ends of the current NHRA record at 6.633 seconds at 208.23 mph, set in March 2005 at Gainesville, Fla., in his Pontiac. The IHRA record goes to Robert Patrick in a Ford at 6.360 during a race at Rockingham, N.C, in October 2005. The IHRA speed record belongs to Frank Gugliotta, also in a Ford, at a whopping 220.26 mph set at Epping, N.H., last September. Look for all these records to be broken this season.

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Q. I really enjoy the International Race of Champions races, but I wish they would be expanded to include a dirt track, too. A road course was added this year (July at Daytona's road circuit), so things will even out for some of those road racers and Champ Car competitors. How about a vote of approval for the dirt race! — ***Cindy P., e-mail from Ohio***

A. Cindy, coming from Ohio, I'll bet you have in the back of your mind the offer that Eldora's new owner, Tony Stewart, has on the table to Jay Signore, who runs the IROC series. Tony said he'd gladly hold an IROC race at his speedway, and personally I'd love to see it.

Most recently, Stewart also announced that IROC major sponsor Crown Royal is now also a major sponsor of his Eldora Kings Royal Sprint Car race, and this certainly helps in Stewart's pursuing an IROC date at the famed half-mile.

The IROC series is legendary, and many of the all-time great drivers have competed. A dirt race would be a welcome addition, and would cause lots of positive publicity.

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Moments in time
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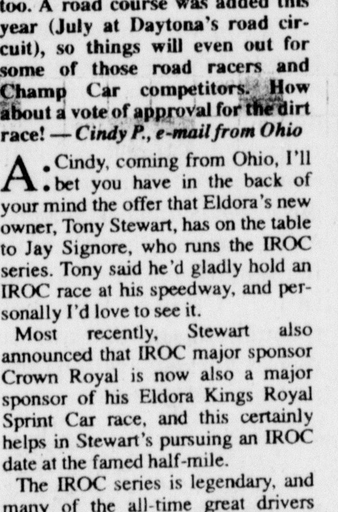
• On **May 10, 1869,** the presidents of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads meet in Promontory, Utah, and drive a ceremonial last spike into a rail line that connects their railroads, making transcontinental railroad service possible for the first time in U.S. history.

• On **May 12, 1925,** a Philadelphia radio station broadcasts the first all-star radio program featuring film actors and actresses. The broadcast marked the first time that most listeners had heard the voices of silent-film stars like Lillian Gish and Marion Davies.

• On **May 14, 1944,** "Star Wars" filmmaker George Lucas is born in Modesto, Calif. Lucas was the first director to hold out for ancillary rights, and in the 20 years following the release of "Star Wars" he sold more than $3 billion in merchandise based on the movies.

• On **May 13, 1958,** Vice President Richard Nixon's car is attacked by an angry crowd while traveling through Caracas, Venezuela. The incident dramatized anger over America's failure to address the pressing economic and political needs of many Latin American nations.

Fave Foods OF THE FAMOUS
by Steven Austin



La Toya Jackson

La Toya Jackson's remarkable career in show business began at the age of 16, when she performed in Las Vegas side-by-side with her brothers, The Jackson Five. Her first album debuted in 1980, and her amazing voice has graced many hits and Grammy Award-winning songs. Jackson works tirelessly for a variety of charitable organizations around the world, and she is respected for her work with sick and needy children and her efforts with the USO in support of U.S. soldiers. She is also a best-selling author. Look for her upcoming CD, "Startin Over." To learn more, go to www.latoyaonline.com

If you were having your entire family over for dinner, what would be on the menu?

"My family loves my enchiladas. I make them with ground turkey breast, and they are very spicy. They are cooked with tender loving care. Janet makes the tacos, mini ones. The brothers love German chocolate cake, and I'll get one or have a chef prepare it."

What must be backstage before a concert?

"Hot tamales and those strawberry Twizzlers. Then there has to be plenty of bottled water and champagne, either Cristal or Dom."

What's your everyday diet to stay in such great shape?

"I am a very picky eater. Lots of beans and chicken, and some lox and shrimp. No meat at all. My main meal is usually between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m., never any later than 8:00 p.m. I have caviar foie gras at least three times per week. And when I walk into the restaurants at the Four Seasons or Polo Lounge in Beverly Hills, they know exactly what I like. The staffs there are so wonderful and attentive."

As a world traveler, do you have a favorite type of cuisine?

"I will tell you that wherever we go, we try to find the best Asian restaurants. I also love French food."

The perfect romantic dinner:

"Start with a glass of Cristal champagne. Then an ounce of Beluga caviar, followed by foie gras. The entree is grilled chicken with a couple of steamed or sauteed broccoli spears. Dessert is a hot French apple tart, topped with a scoop of vanilla ice cream and caramel."

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EASY & SPICY TURKEY ENCHILADA CASSEROLE

1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 large onion, finely chopped
3 cups cooked ground or shredded turkey
1 can (7 or 8 ounces) diced jalapeno peppers
1 package enchilada or taco seasoning mix
10 corn tortillas
1 can (15 ounces) dark kidney beans
12 ounces shredded sharp cheddar cheese
1 jar (16 ounces) salsa (preferred choice of brands)

Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease a 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish. Heat the oil in a large skillet and cook onion until tender. Remove from heat. Stir in the turkey, peppers and seasoning mix. Place half of tortillas in the baking dish and top with turkey mixture, beans and 6 ounces of the cheese. Top with remaining tortillas. Cover with salsa and remaining cheese. Bake for about 30 minutes, until the cheese is melted. Serves 4 to 6.

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Now here's a tip!
by Jo Ann Derson

• "When I go shopping at the grocery store, nothing irritates me more than to open a carton of eggs to see if there are any broken, and the carton not closing back up. So, I decided to find my own solution. I now take a rubber band in my purse to wrap around the carton to hold the lid in place until I get home. Once they've been opened, they never shut tight again. Case solved!" — E.D. in Alaska

• For a fresher-smelling car, stick one fabric-softener sheet under each seat and one in the trunk. Change them monthly or whenever the smell wears out.

• "When the recipe calls for walnuts in banana bread, add pecans instead. Walnuts tend to dry out the banana bread, and pecans don't." — S.W. in Arkansas

Books

The Girl Who Walked Home Alone
by Charlotte Chandler
(Simon & Schuster, $26)
Reviewed by Larry Cox

Shortly after Bette Davis read "Hello, I Must be Going," the biography of Groucho Marx, she contacted Charlotte Chandler, its author. After several meetings, a deal was struck and work began on what would become the authorized biography of the screen diva. The title was also inspired by Marx, who once quipped, "I always take out two women. I hate to see a girl walking home alone."

Capturing the spirit of an American icon is never easy, but Chandler has done her best. Using the narrative technique she perfected in her previous biographies, she reveals the real Bette Davis, mainly through the words of Davis herself and those who knew her best.

Ruth Elizabeth Davis, nicknamed Betty by her mother, was born in Lowell, Mass., in 1908. Her father was absent, so Betty and her sister were raised by their self-sacrificing mother, Ruthie. In 1926, Ruthie took her daughters to see a play in Boston. As Betty watched the play unfold, she knew what she wanted to do with her life and vowed to become an actress.

A family friend suggested she change her name to the more stylish Bette, and she did. After a short stage career, she arrived in Hollywood, where her first major success was "The Man Who Played God." Two years later, in 1934, her performance in "Of Human Bondage" established her as an international star.

Chandler's book offers a rare glimpse into Bette Davis' personal life, including the edgy relationship she had with her biological daughter, B.D. That relationship was terminated when B.D. wrote "My Mother's Keeper," a book that Davis called "a hateful indictment."

"The Girl Who Walked Home Alone" might not be the definitive biography of Davis, but it is nevertheless highly readable and extremely entertaining.

Books reviewed in this column are available online or at your local bookstore.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR from page seven

work. Enough already.

And what mannerisms? Intelligence?

HOPE HERR
West Sacramento

Thoughts on oil profits

Politically, gouging seems to be a relativistic term or concept. For example: Alleged gouging by the private sector, such as "big oil", is a bad thing. However, apparently, factual gouging by government, such as raising taxes on petroleum products (since we've shown the reluctant ability to pay more at the pump) is a good thing. Of course, for politicians, it's a win-win situation. All they have to do is rant and rave about excessive windfall profits, threaten to tax them, refuse to allow anyone to explore, drill, or build new refineries domestically, then, conveniently, ignore the facts.

Fact: Every time the wack job in charge of Iran threatens to wipe Israel off the face of the planet, speculators on the commodities market panic, raising the futures price of a barrel of oil.

Fact: Costs of federally mandated change over to ethanol, plus various additives and mixtures for "boutique" blends required by law nationwide, cause shortages and price spikes all out of proportion to their alleged benefits.

Fact: Net profit to oil companies, as a percentage of their total cost of production and distribution, has not changed appreciably in a very long time.

Fact: Since the oil companies make maybe 9 cents per gallon, verses about 60 cents per gallon in taxes, who profits more? How about OPEC, especially Saudi Arabia, Iran, Venezuela, Mexico, Russia, Canada, and any other country we buy oil from; plus state and federal governments, run of course by politicians who make tough-sounding statements for "windfall re-election profits."

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West Sacramento

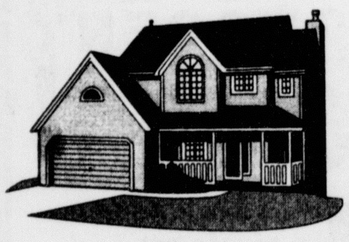
Be careful when walking

The great-great grandmother in our south state who received that $104 ticket for walking too slow across a busy street, even though she started with a "walk" signal that probably lasted about two seconds -- like West Sac's on West Capital Avenue -- had her ticket paid for by TV comedian Ellen De Generes. While it was generous of Ellen (pun intended), she took another step, convincing city officials to lengthen the walk signal time at the location.

It was about 50 years ago when I obtained my first California driver's license and from at least that time on, one of DMV's main slogans has been "Driving is a privilege, not a right", thus safe walking sure seems more like a basic right than driving. At some of downtown Sacramento's intersections, after the walk signal, one sees "8 seconds, 7, 6, and so on prior to the blinking "wait" and solid "don't walk" signals. And while the pedestrian has the right-of-way, I cautiously walk behind that first car, wherein too often the driver has not only passed my walk line, but also looks only to their left before making a right turn. Finally, when crossing busy streets without signals, I will not walk and expect busy traffic to stop. But if they do, I proceed cautiously, observing all lanes. It's safer to wave busy traffic on.

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SMUD gets another level of approval

Sacramento County's "Local Agency Formation Commission," or LAFCo, approved a proposal for the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) to take over electric service in West Sacramento, Davis, Woodland and other parts of Yolo County. Voters will make a final decision in November.

Pacific Gas & Electric, which currently provides both electricity and gas in Yolo County, is fighting the proposal.

West Sacramento's city council and other city and county leaders have asked for SMUD to take over their jurisdictions' electrical service.

'ACROSS THE BRIDGE':

Events around the region

Geranium show and sale

The Sacramento Geranium Club will present their 58th Annual Geranium Show and Sale on May 13-14 at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Boulevard. Plants on sale will include dwarf, pansy face, scented, Martha Washingtons, and many more -- over 3,000 to chose from in all. "Mr. Geranium" will also be on hand to help educate growers on fertilizing, watering and planting. For more information call 264-8800.

Spring garden party

The Old Sacramento Schoolhouse Museum, which is located at 1200 Front Street in Old Sacramento, will host a spring garden party on May 6th from 10-11 a.m. to celebrate their 30th anniversary.

For more information E-mail info@oldsacschoolhouse.org.

Henry Cisneros to speak

Considered to be one of the most influential Latinos in America, Henry Cisneros will be making a lunch presentation on May 10th from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the Heidrick Center, 1962 Hays Lane in Woodland. Cisneros, the first elected Mexican-American mayor of a large city (San Antonio) and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development from 1993-97, is often the first Latino spokesperson called upon by the media to comment on current social and political issues.

For program and ticket information call Jesse Ortiz at 530-669-7792.

Cemetery tours

The Old City Cemetery in Sacramento at 10th and Broadway will give free tours on May 6th and 20th. Learn about Sacramento and California history and the beautiful flora of the cemetery. The tours begin at 10 a.m. and are free. For more information call 448-0811.

Healthy aging lectures

The UC Davis Center for Healthy Aging continues its ongoing lecture series, "Coming of Age 2006" at the UC Davis Cancer Center Auditorium located at 4501 X Street in Davis on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings of the month through May, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The stimulating lecture series is free and open to the public. For more information call 734-4768.

Folsom Dam history exhibit

The Folsom History Museum, located at 823 Sutter Street in Folsom, will open a newly designed exhibit entitled "Floods and Flows: The Story of Folsom Dam" beginning on March 25th and running through July 9th. Built 50 years ago for flood control, Folsom dam also provides water for agriculture, homes and fisheries, hydropower generation, recreation and habitat protection. The exhibit will feature a time line illustrating historic floods and droughts leading to the construction of the dam. For information about admission prices and exhibit hours, call 985-2707.

Free job training

The Sacramento County Office of Educational Regional Occupational Program (ROP) is offering tuition-free career preparation training to both adults and high school students in fields such as automotive mechanics and collision repair, computer and business technology, hospital and community health, building repairs and dental assistance. Classes are held throughout the Sacramento region. For registration information call 228-2721, or go online to www.sacrop.org.

Model T Club meeting

The Sacramento Valley Model T Club meets on the last Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3235 Pope Avenue in Sacramento. The club schedules activities each month that includes tours, garage visits, and technical seminars. All interested people are invited to join, with dues being $25 per family. For more information, call 966-6514.

Down syndrome information

The Down Syndrome Information Alliance Education Series features programs on the first Tuesday of each month with the hope of improving the knowledge of individuals and families affected by Down syndrome. Experts in education, advocacy, health care, etc., make presentations and a free light dinner and childcare is provided. The Down Syndrome Information Alliance meets at the Sutter Cancer Center, 2800 L Street in Sacramento.

For more information, call 658-1686 or visit www.downsyndromeinfo.org.

News-Ledger Directory *of* Local Places *of* Worship

Anna Street Baptist Church Rev. Norman Pollitt, 371-6560 1400 Anna St., W. Sac. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Prayer Time 6:30 p.m.	**Community Lutheran Church** Rev. Marjorie C. Beach, Pastor 920 Drever St. ■ 371-8804 10 a.m. Worship/Sunday School Friendly, family, inclusive language. The 'come as you are' church.	**Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church** 911 Park Blvd., 371-4814 Father Jos. Karikattil, Pastor Masses: Sat. Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m. Weekdays 7 a.m. No Mass on Thursday
Center for Spiritual Awareness 1020 W. Capitol Ave., 374-9177 Sun. services 9 & 11 am Meditation at 10:30 a.m. Praise & worship 10:45 a.m. Junior church for all ages at 11 am	**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** 2667 Linden Road Bishop Ray Jackson, (916) 372-1113 Sunday Meeting Times: Sacrament Meeting, 9 a.m. PUBLIC WELCOME!	**Seventh Day Adventist Church** Frank Hightower, Elder 519-5329 2860 Jefferson Blvd., W. Sac. PO Box 447, W. Sac. 95691 Sat. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. 372-6570
Trinity Presbyterian Church 1500 Park Blvd., W. Sac. Rev. Steve Whitney (916) 371-5875 9am: Family-Friendly Contemporary Service 11am: Blended Traditional & Contemporary Service	**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 1321 Anna St. (near Todhunter) Pastor Giancarlo Mittempergher Sat. Vigil 5 p.m. (English) Sunday 9 (English) Noon & 7 p.m. (Spanish) Mon 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am, Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish), Fri. 8:30 a.m. Call 371-1211	**First Southern Baptist Church** Rev. Gregory W. Kirk Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Sun. Worship 11am Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111
SouthPort Community Church Pastor Bruce Maier Celebration Worship Sunday 10:30 a.m. KidLand during service. Youth & Small Group Ministry for All Ages. 1350 Halyard Dr., W. Sac. 372-7818 www.southportcommunity.com	**WestSide Covenant Church** Worship Services at Collings Teen Center 1541 Merkley Ave. Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. www.westsidecov.org 371-3933	**New Discovery Christian Church** Now meeting at Elkhorn Village Elementary School, 750 Cummins Way, West Sac. at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Jerry Green (916) 600-3784
Horizon Christian Fellowship Rev. Claude J Perez, Sr., Pastor 1800 Manzanita Way, 371-3458 SUN Worship 9:30 & 11 am SUN Worship & Prayer 6pm WED Bible Study 7pm THURS Youth Group 7pm 1st & 3rd FRI Singles 7pm 2nd FRI Women's Fellowship 7pm	**River of Life Church** 3605 Gregory Ave (in Southport, where Jefferson, Davis & Gregory meet) Worship Sun. 10 a.m. Youth Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Call 371-6706 www.intheriver.com	*Is your worship center listed here? Call 371-8030 to find out how to list your place of worship.*



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HR, 1110 W Capitol Ave, W. Sacto., CA 95691. FFD: 5/26/06. NO POSTMARKS.
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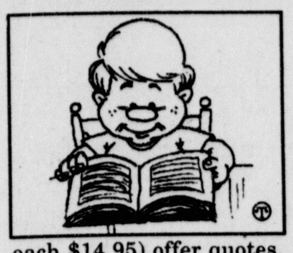
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each $14.95) offer quotes, affirmation and tender thoughts that beautifully express appreciation and devotion for the myriad daily miracles moms and grandmas bring into the lives of those they love. To learn more, visit www.hcibooks.com. The books are available online and wherever books are sold.

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Filed Apr 17, 2006
File No. 2006-423

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Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Apr 17, 2006
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on May 17, 2006 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the following. The hearing will be held in the council chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacra-mento. Interested persons are invited to attend. In compliance with the ADA, if you need assis-tance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at 617-4500. Noti-fica-tion 72 hours prior to the meeting will en-able the City to make reason-able arrange-ments to assure acces-sibility to this meeting. City hall is handicapped accessible.

1. Public hearing to consider objection of the removal of weeds by the City of West Sacramento.

2. Ordinance 06-1 amending Chapter 15.10 of the Municipal Code related to affordable housing.

May 3 & 10

NOTICE OF HEARING
May 18, 2006

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider the following matters on Thursday, May 18, 2006, at West Sacramento Civic Center, City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at the times as specified or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard:

6:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

No items for Consent

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Public Hearing Regarding the Rivers Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map No. 4732 and Adoption of Resolution 06-02PC Certifying the Rivers Phase II Final EIR, Mitigation Monitoring Program, and Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations; Adoption of a Water Supply Assessment and a Water Supply Written Verification; and Recommendations to the City Council to Approve Ordinance 06-11 Amending Planned Development No. 29 and Ordinance 06-12 Approving a Development Agreement (White)

The applicant, West Riverview, LLC, is proposing to develop 68 acres located within the project formerly known as the Lighthouse Marina and Riverbend Development. The proposal involves the development of 626 single family homes, a 12.3 acre K-8 school site, and a two-acre park. If a school is not constructed on the 12.3 acre school site, the project would construct an additional 176 residential units on the site for a total of 802 units. The project includes a Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map, text amendments to Planned Development No. 29, and a Development Agreement. The project site is bordered by the Sacramento River on the north, Lighthouse Drive on the south and Woodhaven Place on the west. The Final EIR has been prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines, with the City as the CEQA lead agency. APPLICANT: West Riverview, LLC, 905 Lighthouse Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95605.

2. Public Hearing on Proposed Landmark Lofts Conditional Use Permit, Variance, Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map, and Zoning Administrator Approval of Alternative Parking Standards (Tilley)

The proposed Landmark Lofts project would be located at 1731-1801 West Capitol Avenue and consist of 60 residential condominium units and two commercial condominiums. Four story elements would be located along West Capitol Avenue with three story buildings located in the interior of the site and long Merkley Avenue. A vesting tentative subdivision map (for condominium purposes), conditional use permit, and a variance for setbacks on West Capitol and Merkley Avenues are requested by the subdivider. Zoning Administrator approval of alternative parking standards is also requested. The project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15332 (In-fill Development) of the CEQA Guidelines. The Planning Commission will take final action on this project unless appealed to the City Council. APPLICANT: Sequoia Standard, LLC, 601 Parkcenter Drive #101, Santa Ana, CA 92705. OWNER: City of West Sacramento, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

3. Public Workshop on Proposed Tempo Square Tentative Subdivision Map No. 4823, Conditional Use Permit, and Planned Development Permit (Tilley)

This item is a workshop on the proposed Tempo Square residential development proposed for 2670-2690 Higgins Road (APNs 45-280-15, -16, -17). The project would consist of 21 detached single family homes that would be rear-loaded and served by a private interior drive. Proposed lots 1-11 would front on Bethel Way to the north and lots 12-21 would front on Higgins Road. Garage access for all units would be from the interior private drive. Each home would have a two-car garage. Nine on-site guest parking spaces would be provide along the interior drive. An additional fifteen on-street parking spaces would be provided on the north side of Higgins Road. A ten-foot wide canal easement along the westerly property line is proposed to be abandoned. Design guidelines are also proposed by the subdivider. APPLICANT/OWNER: LJ Urban, LLC, 2510 J Street, Suite 210, Sacramento, CA 95816.

Steve Rikala, Secretary
West Sacramento Planning Commission

If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

May 3

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Elementary School #9 Project

Notice is hereby given that Washington Unified School District (WUSD) has completed an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for development of the new Elementary School #9, to be located at the Southwest corner of Stonegate Drive and La Jolla Drive, West Sacramento, CA. Columbus Road borders the project site on the west.

The District is considering two options for the school on a 10.7-acre site. The first option would provide for 600 students in Kindergarten through Sixth grade (K-6). The second option would provide for 770 students in Kindergarten through Eighth grade (K-8). While the decision to operate either a K-6 or K-8 school has not been determined, this IS/MND reviews the K-8 option as it represents the worst case condition. Construction of the proposed school is estimated to begin in late 2006 to allow for the new classroom facilities to open in fall 2007. The elementary school would consist of total of 66,932 square feet of building area, and would include classrooms, a multipurpose building, administration building, a library and a gym. Other on-site improvements would include playgrounds, hardcourts, a parking lot, separate parent and school bus loading areas, and other amenities common to modern school design.

The Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration are available to the public for a 30-day review period beginning May 1, 2006, and ending May 31, 2006. Copies of the document are available for review at the WUSD Administrative Office, located at 930 Westacre Road, West Sacramento CA 95691 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or may be viewed on the Internet at http://www.wusd.k12.ca.us/

The District's Board of Education will consider adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approving the project on June 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. The Board meeting will be held at the City of West Sacramento Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691. For additional information, please call Denny Jones, Facilities Planning and Construction, at (916) 375-7604, Ext. 2335. Any written comments on the proposed new school should be received no later than 4:00 P.M., May 31, 2006 to the attention of Denny Jones, Washington Unified School District, 930 Westacre Road, West Sacramento CA 95691.

May 3

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on May 10, 2006 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the following. The hearing will be held in the council chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacra-mento. Interested persons are invited to attend. In compliance with the ADA, if you need assis-tance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at 617-4500. Noti-fica-tion 72 hours prior to the meeting will en-able the City to make reason-able arrange-ments to assure acces-sibility to this meeting. City hall is handicapped accessible.

1. Ordinance 06-13 amending Chapter 8.03 of the Municipal Code relating to hotel operating standards.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed March 30, 2006
File No. 2006-351

The following person is doing business as K. Lynn Designs, 410 Casa Linda Dr., Woodland:

Kelly L. Martin, 410 Casa Linda Dr., Woodland CA 95695.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3-30-06.

/s/Kelly L. Martin

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Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: March 30, 2006
by: /s/Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar. 28, 2006
File No. 2006-340

The following person is doing business as Hi Tech Cleaning and Gardening, 3400 Palomar Ave., W. Sacto. CA 95691:

Dolegario Gonzalez, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/28/06.

/s/Dolegario Gonzalez

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar. 31, 2006
File No. 2006-356

The following person is doing business as SouthPort Trucking, 3490 Coyote Rd., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Umar Ali and Razina Ali, 3490 Coyote Rd., West Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/30/06.

/s/Umar Ali
/s/Razina Ali

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Director of Public Works and Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd floor, West Sacramento, California until **10:00 a.m. local time on Tuesday, June 06, 2006**, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the:

Residential Traffic Calming Program Installation 05/06
City Work Order Number: 11170

The proposed work consists of the following:

Description of Work: The work generally consists of the installation of asphalt speed humps, speed cushions, crosswalks, bike lanes, and related roadway markings and signs on various residential streets in association with the Residential Traffic Calming Program in accordance to these plans, specifications, and special provisions.

In addition, the work shall include the replacement of any pavement, sidewalk, curb and gutter or public and private improvements removed or damaged as a consequence of the execution of this Contract, as well as all necessary traffic control.

Completion of Work: All work shall be completed within **Thirty (30) working days** from the date designated in the Notice to Proceed.

Obtaining Contract Documents: Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of the Director of Public Works and Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd floor, West Sacramento, California. A copy of bid documents may be obtained at the office upon request and payment of **$25.00** or may be mailed upon request and payment of **$35.00**. The amount of the payment is non-refundable.

Submission of Proposals: All proposals must be submitted not later than the time prescribed. The bidder is wholly responsible to see that his bid is submitted at the time and place designated for the opening of bids. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening bids.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to this notice and shall be made on the official proposal forms furnished with the Contract Documents.

Attention is directed to the provisions of the Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15 which makes it a misdemeanor for any person without a valid contractor's license (with specific exceptions) to submit a bid to act as a Contractor to a public agency.

Proposal Guarantee: Each proposal must be accompanied by cash, a cashier's check, certified check or bid bond, executed on the prescribed form, in an amount not less than ten (10) percent of the total bid price payable to the City of West Sacramento.

Bidders are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 4590, securities may be substituted for any monies which the City may withhold pursuant to the terms of this Contract to ensure performance.

Construction License: The successful bidder must posses a current **Class "A" General Engineering Contractor's License** issued by the State of California.

Award: The award shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder whose proposal complies with the specified requirements. The award of Contract will be made by the Director of Public Works and Community Development, and the Contractor shall execute the Contract within ten (10) days after he has received the Contract from the City.

The City reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the proposals. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.

Rejection of Bids: The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Any bid not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Contract Documents may be rejected. The City reserves the right to make all awards in the best interest of the City.

Disqualification of Bidder: If there is a reason to believe that collusion exists among any bidders, none of the bids of the participants in such collusion will be considered and the City may likewise elect to reject all bids received.

Relief of Bidder: Attention is directed to the provisions of Public Contracts Code Section 5101 and following, concerning relief of bidders and in particular to the requirements therein that if the bidder claims a mistake was made in his bid, the bidder shall give the City written notice, within five (5) days after the opening of bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice, in detail, how the mistake occurred.

Wage Rates: Bidders are hereby notified that the California Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the work.

It shall be mandatory for the Contractor and any subcontractor under him to pay not less than the said specified rates to laborers and workmen employed by them in the execution of the contract.

Bonds: The successful bidder will be required to furnish a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the Contract price, and a faithful performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the Contract price.

/s/ Raymond Santiago, Traffic/ Transportation Manager

Apr 26 May 3

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROSINA M. DeSANTIS CASE NUMBER PB06-105

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Rosina M. DeSantis AKA Rose DeSantis:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Alan DeSantis in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Alan DeSantis be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 23, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 11, Superior Court of California, 812 Court Street, Woodland CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a "Request for Special Notice" (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A "Request for Special Notice" form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: Bruce Kaminski
1524 Merkley Avenue
West Sacramento CA 95691
(916) 372-4752

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed April 11, 2006
File No. 2006-403

The following person is doing business as Serve, 3720 Los Cerros Place, Davis CA 95616.

Kelly Jean Carpenter, 3720 Los Cerros Place, Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on .

/s/Kelly Carpenter

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Date: Apr 11, 2006
by: /s/Kristina A. Hunt, Deputy Clerk

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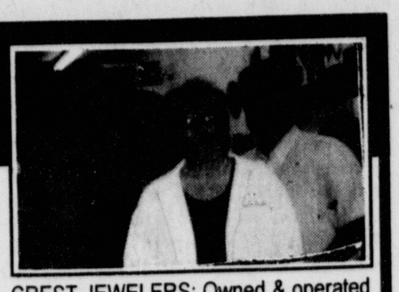
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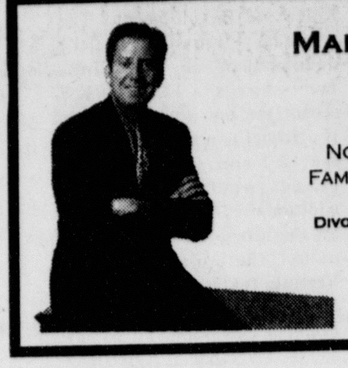
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Local Scene

Walk against cancer

The American Cancer Society "Relay for Life" will be held this weekend, May 6-7, from 10 a.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday at River City High School. Teams will gather donations in advance and take turns walking around the track for 24 hours. There will be entertainment, cancer information and a candle ceremony. Call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

War on weeds

Get information on how to maintain a safe, weed-free garden and landscape by attending a UC Integrated Pest Management program on Thursday, May 4 at 7 p.m. at the Turner branch library, 1212 Merkley Avenue in West Sacramento. A quiet educational program will be available for children at the same time. Call the UC Cooperative Extension at (530) 666-8143 or the library at 375-6465 for more information.

Elegant kitchens

The Yolo County chapter of American Red Cross will host a "Heart of the Home Kitchen Tour" featuring kitchens and dining areas of eight different homes in the Davis, Woodland and Winters areas on Sat., May 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sample gourmet food and wine will be on hand. Call (530) 662-4669 to purchase tickets with Visa or Mastercard, or for information. $25 in advance or $35 on the day of the event.

Slam Jam

The West Sacramento Police Department and West Sacramento Fire Department will take it to the basketball court on Friday, May 12, at 6 p.m. at River City High School, in a piece of friendly competition to raise money for scholarships. $8 donation for adults, $5 for students, free for kids five and under. There will be a "special guest" at halftime – bring your camera & prepare to get an autograph. Call 617-4928 for information.

Fish fry

The West Sacramento Elks Lodge will host an "all you can eat" fish fry dinner on Sat., May 6, from 6-8:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 in advance (call 372-2980 or 372-3057) or $12 at the door for adults, and $4 for kids 12 and under.

Grad night

A "safe and sober" grad night for the 2006 class of River City High School is scheduled for June 7, from 11 p.m. to dawn at the Collings Teen Center, 1541 Merkley Avenue. Tickets are $25 and may be purchased at the center or from the RCHS bookkeeper. There will be a DJ, Monte Carlo games, entertainment, a raffle prize, pool, basketball and more. Two $1,000 cash prizes will be given away (must be present to win). Attendees may depart the event, but if so, they may not return. Call 375-0681.

Give blood

The City of West Sacramento will host a blood drive on May 24 at the civic center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue. A Sacramento BloodSource mobile coach will be on hand from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointments are encouraged; walk-ins will be accommodated when scheduling permits. Call Kryss Rankin, 617-4500.

Women of history

The community is welcome to submit biographies, photos and artifacts for an upcoming exhibit called "Notable Women of West Sacramento, 1850 to the Present," planned for June at the West Sacramento Historical Museum and Visitors Center. Contact Jeri Wingfield, 371-7678, or write to the museum at 324 3rd St., Broderick CA 95605. Deadline is April 30. Volunteers can help write your story.

Leadership

Join 80,000 business leaders in a simulcast on Friday, May 5, shown locally at the Collings West Sacramento Teen Center. Billed as "the largest leadership event of the year," the event is formatted as a "maximum impact simulcast." Journey Christian Church is selling tickets for $79 (includes lunch & refreshments; discounts for groups of five). Call 375-0800 and ask for Kurt or Chuck. Renowned athletes, authors and leadership experts will take part in the simulcast.

Making college happen

A workshop on college admissions and financial aid, called "College: Making it Happen," is planned for 8:30 a.m. to noon on May 6 at the University Union Ballroom at CSUS. The program is geared for students from grades six through nine and their families, and will be conducted in English, Spanish & Hmong. Sponsored by CSUS, the Los Rios Community College District, UC Davis and others. Reservations strongly encouraged: call 278-5480.

Prayer

A National Day of Prayer observance in West Sacramento is scheduled for 6:30-7:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 4, at the Collings Teen Center, 1541 Merkley Avenue. Prayer and meditation will follow until 1 p.m. For more information on "America, Honor God," call 372-7818.

For Milbrodt

Delia Bethell will host a "meet and greet coffee" for Bob Milbrodt, candidate for Yolo County Assessor, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 6 at 390 C Street in West Sacramento.

Golf

The 15th annual West Sacramento Golf Classic is scheduled for June 15 at Wildhorse in Davis, with check-in at 11:30 a.m. and shotgun start at 1 p.m. $150 per player includes green fees, cart, beverages, gift bag & dinner. Sponsorships available. Proceeds benefit educational fund. Call 371-7042.

Free sports

Boys and girls age 10-16 are eligible to attend the free National Youth Sports program held at UC Davis, including swimming, basketball, tennis, soccer, fencing and an introduction to college life. The West Sacramento Parks Department will provide transportation. Limited to 50 students. Call the parks department, 617-4620.

Jazz!

The 'Syncopating Sea Monkeys' jazz band of River City High School will play at an event also featuring dancing, a silent auction and refreshments, from 7-9 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, at the Collings West Sacramento Teen Center. Tickets are $15 and proceeds benefit the band. Call Band Director Felicia Alleger, 375-7800 ext. 340.

Dinner/dance

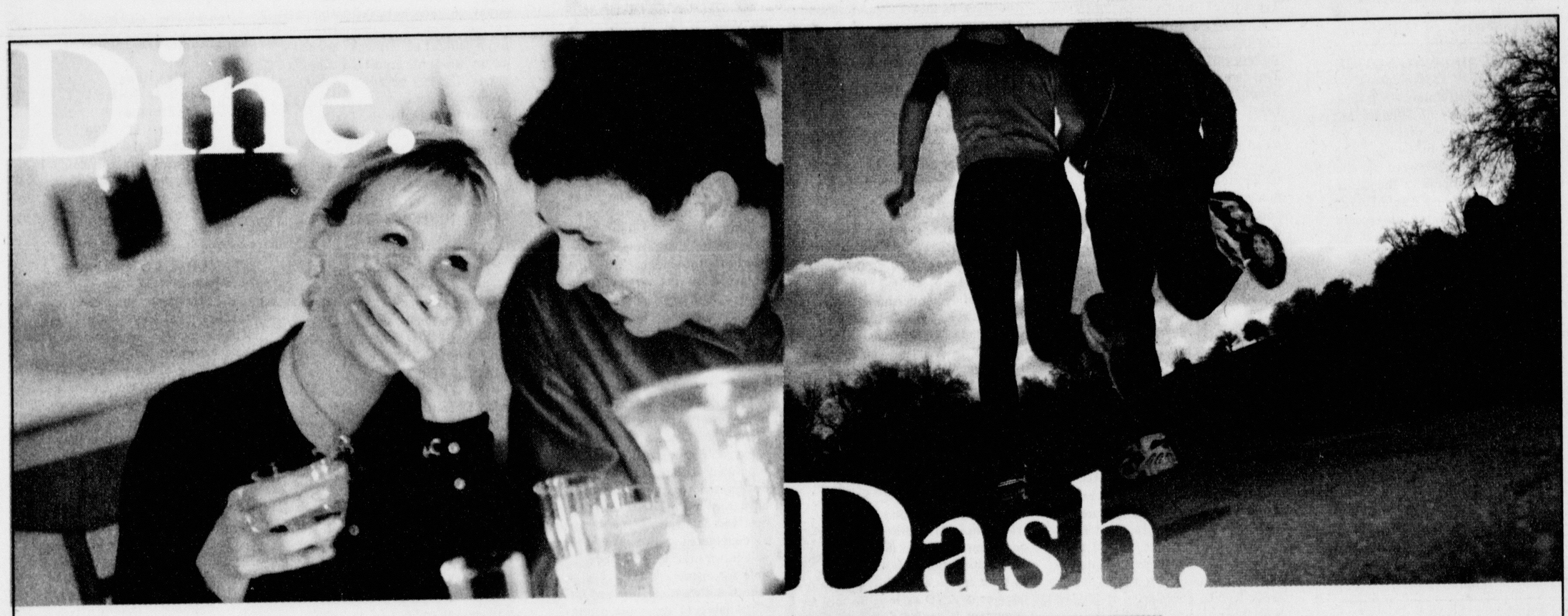
The Delta High School Ag Boosters and Heavenly Boosters are hosting a dinner/dance on May 6, from 6-11 p.m. at the Old Sugar Mill, 35265 Willow Avenue in Clarksburg. Tickets are $40 per person. Catered by Buckhorn Restaurant. Call 373-1679.

Register to vote

West Sacramento City Clerk Kryss Rankin reports that she is directed by the city council to encourage local residents to register to vote. The last day to register for the June 6 election is May 22, but Rankin recommends registering by May 8 to ensure you get your voters' materials on time. Visit www.ss.ca.gov or any city office for a registration form. Any voter can apply to vote by mail, or can vote at a local polling place.

Learn to skate

Skateboard pro Ron Allen and his team will hold a three-day skateboarding camp for boys and girls age 7-14 on July 5-7. Cost is $50 per person. Call 617-4620.





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